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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore 5 Touro Park West Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore:

I want very much to thank you for your assistance and cooperation which made <u>The New England Silversmith</u> possible.
Such an exhibition would not be possible without the interest
of a large number of people who gave freely of their time
and individuals who lent generously from their personal
collections or made arrangements for loans from collections
for which they were responsible. Your help in making the
exhibition a comprehensive one is deeply appreciated.

The New England Silversmith was enthusiastically received by Rhode Island School of Design students many of whom visited the exhibition with their teachers, Museum Members, as well as other people in this area and a number of out-of-state visitors. It may interest you to know that an article appeared in the October-November issue of Art in America on the exhibition and a notice appeared in the November issue of Antiques. Notices of the show were also carried in a number of New England newspapers.

Again, for myself, and for the Museum of Art, I would like to express our appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh J./Gourley III Curator of Decorative Arts

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