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Dear David:

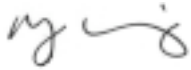
The Center for History and New Media (CHNM) is pleased to be a partner on the "The Lessons of History: Using Edsitement to Teach American Political History." We will develop three software tools—a text collection and annotation tool, an image collection and annotation tool, and an image manipulation tool—that will be used in the various interactive exercises.

We are excited at the opportunity to use our expertise in history and new media development for the project. We believe that our long experience in creating digital tools and other new media production makes us ideally suited for taking on task of developing software for "The Lessons of History." CHNM has assembled a team of historians with skills in software development and new media production. Finally, we have a long and successful history of collaboration with the American Social History Project, which will design the interactive exercises.

We believe the "The Lessons of History" project of creating engaging materials for the teaching and learning of U.S. History is an important task. Much exciting work in historical scholarship has been done in the last few decades and the team of scholars and teachers brought together in the project is very impressive. CHNM has worked with many of these collaborators in the past and can to offer innovative software to facilitate interactive lesson plans. Tools such as the text or the image collection and annotation tool will make possible close readings of significant documents of the American past along with engaging student interest. The software tools we will design will facilitate active inquiry through new interactive manipulations and make the creation of historical knowledge a rigorous and reworking activity to teachers and students alike.

We look forward to working with you as the project director who will coordinate the various teams and individuals in the project. We are delighted to work with someone whom we have known and worked with for many years now, and CHNM is very pleased with the new collaborative arrangements that will be set up by this grant.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'roy' followed by a stylized flourish.

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