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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JCF*

The attached letters were returned in the President's outbox and are forwarded to you for appropriate action.

For your information Marjorie Wicklein has the President's copy of Freedom at Midnight. Perhaps it would be possible to cover the acknowledgment of the book in the letter covering the invitation to become the Honorary Patron of the U.S. Commission for the United World Colleges. If this is done, please copy Marjorie Wicklein.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

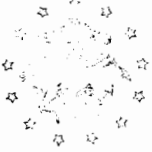
Attachment -

Letter 10/9/75 from Lord Mountbatten

Letter 10/10/75 from Frank Taplin



~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN~~



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT

Handwritten initials

On behalf of Lord Mountbatten, with whom I met on Friday, October 10, I am forwarding on to you his letter and copy of Freedom at Midnight. Also enclosed is a copy from Mr. Frank Taplin along with his letter to you.





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ROMSEY,
HAMPSHIRE,
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TELEPHONE
ROMSEY (0794) 513333

9th October 1975

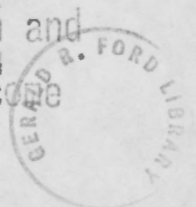
Dear Mr. President,

I am sorry that because of your heavy schedule it will not be possible for you to receive me during my brief visit to Washington. I had wanted to tell you how much we British admire your great courage and the leadership which you are giving.

I had also hoped to tell you briefly about the United World Colleges project of which I am President of the International Council. As such I have visited the heads of State or Prime Ministers in over 33 countries to tell them personally of this exciting new project in international education for boys and girls from all backgrounds and cultures between the ages of 16 and 18, and to set up National Committees in those countries.

Here in America I helped set up the U.S. Commission, brilliantly chaired by your Yale Law School classmate, Frank Iablin, and they have given us tremendous support by raising scholarships and fellowships to send American boys and girls and teachers to our three Colleges, the U.W.C. of the Atlantic in South Wales, the U.W.C. of South East Asia in Singapore, and the Pearson U.W.C. of the Pacific on Vancouver Island, in sight of the U.S. coastline.

In 1970 I accepted the invitation of President Nixon to attend a dinner he gave at the White House for 100 prominent American citizens to talk about the United World Colleges, at which he kindly accepted to become Honorary Patron of the U.S. Commission. I would therefore like, on behalf of the U.S. Commission, to ask whether you would agree to succeed him in this capacity. Not only would this be a great honour for the Commission and the U.W.C. Project as a whole but would be in line with many other countries where the Head of State has become the Patron of our Project.



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The Vice President has kindly undertaken to deliver this letter and can enlarge on what the United World Colleges project is doing.

Finally, as this happens to be the very day on which a new book about the transfer of power in India, "Freedom at Midnight", is being published in the United States, I thought you might care to have the enclosed copy. This is a vibrant and exciting account of that momentous event in 1947, written not by an Englishman or Indian but by an American, Larry Collins, and a Frenchman, Dominique Lapierre, who also wrote "Is Paris Burning" and "O Jerusalem".

With great respect

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FRANK E. TAPLIN
ONE PALMER SQUARE
PRINCETON, N. J. 08540

10th October 1975

Dear Jerry

I greatly regret - but of course understand - that your schedule did not permit you to receive Lord Mountbatten today. I especially regret it as I had looked forward to that reunion which is so long overdue, and which I certainly would most warmly welcome.

Please give careful consideration to Lord Mountbatten's request that you become Honorary Patron of the U.S. Commission for the United World Colleges during your term of office.

I shall be personally grateful to you for giving us in this way your encouragement in a great international educational project - a project in which the U.S. Commission can and should play a leading role.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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Chairman,
U.S. Commission for
United World Colleges



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WASHINGTON

October 17, 1975

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Jim Connor

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