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26th November 1982

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Dear Tim,

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE

Earlier this year Sir Arthur Hockaday wrote to you explaining the background to the choice of Mr Franta Belsky as the sculptor of the Mountbatten statue. In view of the Prime Minister's interest, as the principal sponsor of the project, I thought I should let you know that we are arranging for a public announcement to be made next Wednesday morning about the sculptor and the statue design. Lord Lewin will make the announcement as the Chairman of the panel of Assessors which chose the winning entry, and Lady Mountbatten and Mr Belsky will be present.

I should mention - since this is a departure from what was envisaged when we were last in contact with you - that this announcement is going ahead before the final details of the funding and design of the statue's infrastructure have been settled. The problem is briefly as follows. The landscaping required to create a proper setting for a statue on the Foreign Office Green has turned out to be more extensive - and hence also expensive - than originally allowed for; and the size of the commuted sum required to provide for maintenance of statue and site in perpetuity has also been unexpectedly large. As a result the £100,000 aimed at and achieved by the Appeal is not enough. When Sir Arthur last wrote it was confidently expected that a further substantial sum would be forthcoming from the premiere of the film Gandhi on 2nd December but it is now most unlikely that any money from this event will be donated to the Appeal.

We are confident that ways can be found to pursue the project to a successful conclusion. For example we are in touch with the Treasury and Customs and Excise in the hope that they might grant a measure of relief from VAT and a waiver of part or all of the commuted maintenance sum which DOE require under normal financial rules. There may also be ways of scaling down the infrastructure design, if need be, once we know how much money will be available for it.

T Flesher Esq



None of this affects the statue itself and an announcement about the winning design is now somewhat overdue. Since public attention will naturally focus on the statue - not its setting - we consider that the press announcement can safely go ahead.

Yours ever

Jane Ridely

(J E RIDELY)(MISS)

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22 April 1983

THE MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Thank you for your letter of 20 April.

I am afraid the Prime Minister will not be able to fit in a visit to view the full scale model of the statue before Mr. Belsky begins casting.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Miss Wendy Anderton,
Ministry of Defence.



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20th April 1983

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Prime Minister

*US! The cutters least
next week. I haven't
got a spare mount.
In any event you are
wasting it.*

Dear Caroline,

THE MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

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I understand that next week will be the last opportunity to view the full scale model of the statue before the sculptor, Mr Belsky begins casting.

As the original sponsor of the fund, the Prime Minister might possibly like the opportunity to view the model. If so, a visit could take place at any time between Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th April at Mr Belsky's studio, at 12 Pembroke Studios, Pembroke Gardens, London W8.

I should be grateful if you could let me know when and if the Prime Minister would wish to view the statue and the Department can then set the necessary arrangements in hand.

yours ever

W Anderton
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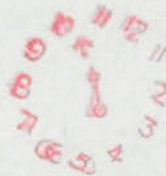
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21 September 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 15 September about the Mountbatten Statue Competition. She is glad that you had the opportunity to present your submission to the Committee. I have let the Committee know of your continuing availability.

(TIMOTHY FLESHER)

John Doubleday, Esq.

John Doubleday

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15th September, 1982.

The Prime Minister's Office,
10 Downing Street,
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Dear Prime Minister,

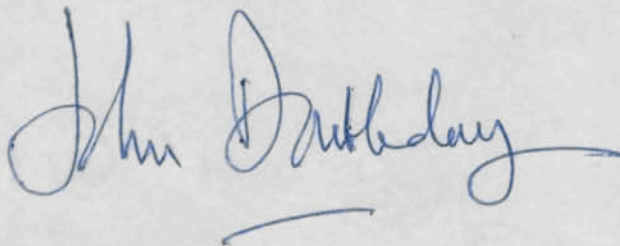
With reference to my letter of the 15th October, 1981, I am pleased to be able to tell you that through your good offices, I have been in touch with the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue Committee and had much pleasure in presenting my submission for the Competition.

Although I was disappointed not to have been awarded the commission, I am none-the-less grateful to have had the opportunity of submitting my proposals. I accept without question the decision of the Committee, and I am sure that whoever has been selected will bring to the job a high level of professionalism, if not the personal commitment which was based upon my having known him through previous portrait commissions of him which I had undertaken.

Finally I would just like to add that if as a result of any unforeseen circumstances the commission is not carried out as envisaged, I would certainly like to place on record my availability for further consideration.

Once again, may I thank you for the personal interest you have shown in the project.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Prime Minister

I have been laid up for the
past four weeks with a severe attack of
bronchitis and unable to deal with correspondence
or I would have written before to thank you
very much for so kindly sending me a
photograph of the winning entry of the
Mountbatten statue competition.

I note that a number of
modifications remain to be made but my
general impression of the design seems to me
that it is highly admirable.

Yours sincerely

(FIELD MARSHALL LORD H. of Peterborough) John Harding

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THE SHOOTING BOX,
BURNHAM THORPE,
KING'S LYNN,
NORFOLK.
BURNHAM MARKET 359

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Dear Prince Vladimir

I am delighted to hear
that the Marlborough statue
is proceeding so well. The
photograph of the maquette
is most attractive.

I do hope you manage
some rest on your holiday.
By — you deserve it!

Yours ever,
S.M.

FAIR GALLOP
BRIGHTON ROAD
SWAY
HAMPSHIRE SO4 0EA
LYMINGTON 682322

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Dear Prime Minister,

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Thank you for
sending me a photograph of the
design by Franta Belky for the
Mountbatten memorial statue.

As far as it is possible
to judge from a photograph I like
it and the stance is very appropriate
to the subject

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Dale

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Dear Prime Minister -

Your Letter of 21st, July... It was kind of you to include a photograph of the winning entry for the MOUNTBATTEN STATUE. It is encouraging that a SELECTION COMMITTEE can reach agreement, and I hope that the further authorities you mention may be equally helpful.

Thank you...

Yours sincerely
Caspar John

24 DUCHESS OF
BEDFORD HOUSE
LONDON W8 7QN
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July 24th

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Dear Prime Minister

My husband has asked
me to write on his behalf to
thank you for your letter
about the decision of the
Selection Committee of the
Mountbatten Memorial Appeal.
He finds writing rather difficult
these days II. ahead.

It is hard to judge from
a photograph but I am sure
Mr. Belsky will produce

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a very good & worthy
memorial to Earl Mountbatten.

Yr Sincerely

Peggie Trenyan.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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From:
Michael Foot MP

22 July 1982

Dear Willie,

Mr. Michael Foot has asked me to thank the Prime Minister for sending him a photograph of the winning entry for the statue of Earl Mountbatten of Burma and for keeping him informed.

*Yours,
Tom*

Tom McCaffrey

William Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing Street,
SW1.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Michael

My Private Secretary wrote to you on 24 December to report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. You may like to be aware that the Selection Committee has now reached its decision on the winning entry for the statue competition in favour of the design submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky, a photograph of which I enclose. A number of modifications remain to be made and the design remains to be submitted to the Fine Art Commission, the Local Authority and the Secretary of State for the Environment but I am sure we are now well on the way to the erection of the statue as a permanent memorial to Earl Mountbatten.

Yours sincerely

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The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Steel,

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. David Steel, M.P.

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21 July 1982

Dear Lord Harding,

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Datt

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, G.C.B., C.B.E.,
D.S.O., M.C.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Lord Trevelyan

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Storer

The Lord Trevelyan, K.G., G.C.M.G., C.I.E., O.B.E.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Lord Zuckerman.

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Whittam

The Lord Zuckerman, O.M., K.C.B., F.R.S.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Sir Dermot,

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Dermot Boyle, G.C.B., K.C.V.O.,
K.B.E., A.F.C.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Sir Caspar.

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John, G.C.B.

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PRIME MINISTER

Mountbatten Statue Competition

You will recall that the MOD let us know last month about the current state of play in the Mountbatten Statue Competition. We have now heard that the Committee has selected the winning entry in the competition and I attach photographs of the winning entry by Franta Belsky. A number of modifications have been made including, for example, the removal of the hat held at the back and a toning down of the surroundings. If you agree I will now write in confidence to your co-sponsors letting them know the outcome and enclosing a representative photograph.

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19 July 2013

24 June 1982

From: Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State

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photographs of
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14 June 1982

W F S Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Dear Rickett

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE COMPETITION

You had an interim report on the progress of the Statue Competition last month in the form of my Private Secretary's letter of 21 May. I am now writing to let you know the outcome.

2. As you will see from the attached note the design submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky (entry No. 5) has been selected by the majority vote of the Assessors. Arrangements are now in hand to discuss with Mr. Belsky modifications identified as desirable by the Assessors, and in particular by Lady Mountbatten and Lady Pamela Hicks.

3. It will not be possible for a public announcement to be made before the design has been finalised and the relevant submissions (paragraph 4 of the letter of 21 May) have been completed; the first submission - to the Royal Fine Art Commission who may perhaps be particularly concerned with the scale of Mr. Belsky's surroundings - is planned for early next month. However, the Prime Minister may wish to write now in confidence to her fellow sponsors to tell them of the outcome of the judging.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue Competition

Note of a meeting of Assessors held on 8 June 1982
at 4.30 p.m. in the Marble Hall, Northumberland House

1. The following were present:

- AF Sir Terence Lewin - Chairman
- The Countess Mountbatten of Burma
- The Lady Pamela Hicks
- Mr. David Piper
- Sir Arthur Hockaday
- Lt. Col. John Lucken
- Mr. Norman Abbot - Secretary

Sir Hugh Casson, Mr. Alan Bowness and Mr. John Kaye were unable to attend.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to allow Lady Pamela, who had not been able to be present on the previous occasion, to express a preference for one of the maquettes; to arrive at a final decision now that the views of all the Assessors were known; and to identify the steps which needed to be taken next.

3. Lady Pamela's vote was cast for No. 5, which was therefore confirmed as the entry which enjoyed the majority support of the Assessors. The Chairman noted that since the last meeting HRH The Prince of Wales had viewed the maquettes, and sets of photographs had been sent to H M The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the Prime Minister and Mr. Henry Moore. There had been no reaction from any of these quarters which need cause the Assessors to modify their majority preference for No. 5. No. 5 was accordingly endorsed as the selected entry.

4. The following further steps were identified as desirable:-

- (a) The Chairman would write to Mr. Franta Belsky to tell him that his entry had been selected by the Assessors, subject only to some modifications they would like to see incorporated; and Sir Arthur Hockaday would arrange a meeting with Mr. Belsky, Lady Mountbatten and Lady Pamela to discuss the modifications required. [Subsequent note - this meeting has been arranged for 5 July, and Mr. Belsky, who has expressed himself very willing to consider modifications, will have a preliminary discussion with Sir Arthur Hockaday and Mr. Kaye on 10 June.]
- (b) A letter would be sent to the Property Services Agency (PSA) asking their advice on the feasibility, with particular reference to its maintenance, of Mr. Belsky's suggested design for the statue's setting. (Assessors were divided on the merits of the proposed cascades, though it was generally agreed that water in some form was a good idea.) The PSA's comments would be relevant to the meeting with Mr. Belsky ((a) above), and could be submitted with the design when reference was made to the Royal Fine Art Commission (RFAC).

- (c) A letter would be sent to No. 10 Downing Street. It would say that the verdict of the Assessors had been given in favour of entry No. 5, that consultations with the sculptor were in hand with a view to finalising the design, and that a submission to the RFAC was planned. The Prime Minister would be invited to inform the co-sponsors.
- (d) A letter would be sent to Lord Romsey offering the maquettes, or as many of them as were wanted, to the Broadlands Museum.
- (e) Some thought would be given to means of distinguishing, in the book of donors to the Appeal, between individual donors and corporate bodies such as Associations. (For example, the latter might have a page each to themselves.) Once the book was in place at Broadlands it was suggested that the pages might be turned regularly.

9 June 1982

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From: N J S Abbot, Private Secretary to
Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG, Second Permanent Under Secretary
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21 May 1982

W F S Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Dear Rickett,

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE COMPETITION

When Sir Arthur spoke to you recently about the current state of play on the Mountbatten Statue Competition he agreed to let you have, as soon as they became available, a set of photographs of the entries received. These photographs are now enclosed.

2. There are six entries in all, by the following sculptors:

Mr. John Wragg	(No. 1)
Mr. John Doubleday	(No. 2)
Mr. Ivor Roberts-Jones	(No. 3)
Mr. David Wynne	(No. 4)
Mr. Franta Belsky	(No. 5)
Mr. Oscar Nemon	(No. 6)

Dame Elisabeth Frink has had to withdraw from the Competition because of ill-health.

3. At a meeting of the Selection Committee on 17 May the maquettes submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky and Mr. Ivor Roberts-Jones emerged as the clear favourites, with the former somewhat ahead of the latter. The enclosed note of the meeting contains more details.

4. A final decision is expected to be taken on 8 June when another meeting will be held for the benefit of Assessors unable to attend the first. Some time is then likely to elapse, during which submissions will be made to the Royal Fine Art Commission, the Local Authority and the Secretary of State for the Environment, before an announcement can be made.

5. By way of an update on the information contained in Sir Arthur's note sent to you on 22 December you may be interested to know that the fund now stands at £90,000 including interest as a result of donations received from 3820 donors, and that the Prince and Princess of Wales have agreed to attend the première of the film Gandhi on 2 December.

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Photographs of the two leading candidates for the statue are attached.

I have photos of the ones if you wish to see them. The fund now stands at £90,000.

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Yours sincerely,
Norman Abbot



24 MAY 1982

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Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue Competition

Note of a meeting of Assessors held on 17 May 1982
at 3.30 p.m. in the Marble Hall, Northumberland House

1. The following were present:

AF Sir Terence Lewin	- Chairman
The Countess Mountbatten of Burma	
Mr. Alan Bowness	
Mr. David Piper	
Mr. John Kaye	
Sir Arthur Hockaday	
Lt. Col. John Lucken	
Mr. Norman Abbot	- Secretary

Two Assessors were unable to attend - Lady Pamela Hicks and Sir Hugh Casson.

2. After a brief introduction from the Chairman a dozen colour slides (2 of each entry) were shown. (The actual maquettes were also on display close at hand.) The Chairman then invited each Assessor in turn to declare a preference.

3. The results, which took account of a proxy vote cast on behalf of Sir Hugh Casson, were

4 votes in favour of No. 5
2 votes in favour of No. 3

with second choices distributed between Nos. 3, 5 and 6. (The Chairman abstained from stating a preference at this stage.)

4. Discussion then ensued, in the course of which the Chairman revealed the identity of the sculptors. Points made about the two principal contenders were as follows:

(a) No. 5. Generally agreed to have achieved the best facial likeness (the life-size head even more than the maquette) and therefore strongly preferred by Lady Mountbatten. Some uneasiness, however, about the stance and the relationship of the figure to the plinth; and a unanimous feeling (reportedly not shared by Sir Hugh Casson) that the cap held behind the back was not a good idea. Opinions quite sharply divided on the merits of the proposed infrastructure involving cascades.

(b) No. 3. The stance generally admired; the head considered by some Assessors to be quite a good likeness, but by others to be too old and insufficiently vigorous.

5. Observations on the other maquettes were as follows:

(a) Nos. 1 and 2. No one had a good word to say for either of these.

(b) No. 4. Some Assessors quite liked this, but it was agreed that the head bore no resemblance to the subject.

- (c) No. 6. There was some criticism of the bowed head. (Mr. Bowness explained this in relation to the fact that the full-size statue on its plinth would be viewed from below).

6. There was further discussion of a number of other topics:

- (a) Modifying the selected maquette. It was felt that details of the selected entry could probably be modified with the sculptor's agreement to reflect the wishes of Assessors.
- (b) Submission to the Royal Fine Art Commission (RFAC). It was agreed that the selected maquette could be submitted to the RFAC before any final modifications had been incorporated. It would not be possible, however, to submit in time for the 8 June meeting (cf (e) below). Mr. Piper expected the Commission to have definite ideas on the setting of the statue.
- (c) Publicity. It was agreed that only the winner would be announced, and that the announcement should wait until the necessary consultations had been completed and the sculptor had crystallised his design and taken account of any suggested modifications. There would probably be a press-release and the offer of a photographic facility. The sculptor might be asked whether he wished to be present.
- (d) Eventual fate of the maquettes. It was agreed that the maquettes, which under the terms of the Competition Conditions are the property of the Trustees of the Statue Appeal, might be given in due course to the Broadlands Museum.
- (e) Second meeting of Assessors. There would be another meeting, at which Lady Pamela Hicks would be present together with other Assessors who could attend, on 8 June.

19 May 1982



Entry no. 1

John Wragg (1)

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Entry no. 2

John Doubleday (2)

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Entry no. 3

Ivor Roberts - Jones (1)

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Entry no. 4

David Wynne (2)

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Entry no. 5

Franka Belsky (2)

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Entry no. 6

Oscar Newman (1)

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JH*

John Doubleday

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Goat Lodge Road,
Gt. Totham,
Maldon,
Essex CM9 8BX
Tel (0621) 892085

26th October, 1980.

William Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing Street,
London.

Dear Mr. Rickett,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th October which you wrote on behalf of the Prime Minister.

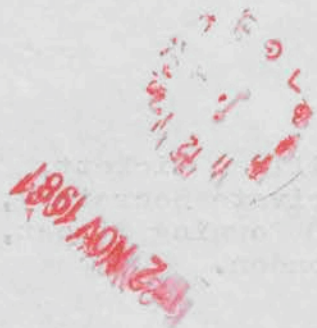
I received a letter from Sir Arthur Hockaday dated 21st instant, in which he invited me to submit a design for the Memorial Portrait of Lord Mountbatten. He also provided me with the details which I required.

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I am very grateful to you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John Doubleday



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THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA (STATUE APPEAL)



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2 November 1981

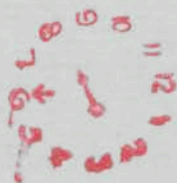
Dear Mr Rickett ^{ww} _{4/11}

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 1981. It was not a letter from Lord Mountbatten that Mr Pitt-Roche was referring to but a small extract from a letter that he had cut off with Mountbatten's signature and stuck on to one of his photographs, presumably as a memento.

It has gone back so I hope we have now cleared the air.

W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Yours sincerely
L W Townsend



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Royal Family

28 October 1981

This is just to thank you for your letter of 26 October, and for dealing so promptly with Mr. Pitt-Roche's complaint. I quite understand the problems of ensuring that the vast number of enquiries you get all receive a reply.

Mr. Pitt-Roche was keen to have returned not only his photographs, but also the letter that he apparently received from Lord Mountbatten. I note that you have returned his photographs. I presume he has also got his letter back.

W F S RICKETT

Rear Admiral L. W. Townsend, C.B.E.

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10 DOWNING STREET

WILLIE

This correspondence was caught up with some papers you gave to me earlier today. I don't have any dictation on it!!

Debbie G.

24/12

letter to the Co Sponsors of the
Mountbatten Memorial Appeal
(see file in CF) (PL date re letter 24/12)

The P-M-C has asked me to send
you the latest news on the Mountbatten
Memorial Appeal, and I attach an
up-to-date report.

The P-M-C has also asked me to send
you her best wishes for Christmas and
the New Year.

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26 October 1981

Dear Mr Rickett

I am sorry that you should have had such an irate letter from Mr Pitt-Roche. His first letter of 31 July addressed to me co-incided with a vast deluge of enquiries and donations. I believe his is the first on which we have had a query and, to put the record straight, I have ... attached a copy of my letter of 10 August and my letter of today's date to Pitt-Roche, sending him a copy.

We have no record of any other communication from him so I trust this will resolve the matter. You will already know that he is not amongst those who have been invited to enter the competition.

W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

*Yours sincerely,
Loris Jommel.*

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26 October 1981

Dear Mr Pitt-Roche

Your letter of 17 August 1981 has been referred to me by the Prime Minister's office.

... I have enclosed a copy of my letter to you of 10 August 1981 which you do not appear to have received.

As I mentioned in this letter, we have now reached the stage where a certain number of Sculptors have been approached on the advice of the Fine Arts Commission and we are waiting to know whether they wish to enter the limited competition.

... I had, in fact, written in these terms to a number of Sculptors who enquired about a commission for the statue. However, in view of your letter, I have enclosed the photographs as you have asked.

I am very sorry that the mis-chance of your not receiving the letter I wrote in August should have led you to the conclusion that your own letter had been ignored. I might also add that the letter dated 31 July is the only one that I have had direct from you.

I think I should also like to point out, again in view of the terms of your letter, that every donation and enquiry, and there are very many thousands of them, has been acknowledged by me personally or by my deputy within the same week that it was received.

As you have written to Mr Rickett, I am copying this letter to him.

H A Pitt-Roche Esq LDS
The Mill House
Greatbridge
Romsey

*Yours sincerely,
L.W. Townsend*



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10 August 1981

Dear Mr Pitt-Roche

Thank you for your letter of 31 July and I had, in fact, received your earlier letter and the photographs which you sent to the Prime Minister.

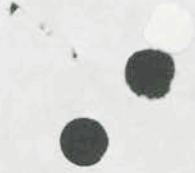
The responsibility for the organisation of the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue rests with a Committee set up under the directions of the Prime Minister and chaired by the 2nd Permanent Under Secretary in the Ministry of Defence.

The Committee have recently submitted proposals to the Chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission, suggesting certain Sculptors take part in a limited competition for the statue. The limited competition will be held under the rules of the Royal Society of British Sculptors Regulations.

Until a decision has been taken on the Sculptors to be invited I regret I cannot tell you any more. We hope that the decisions will be taken in October/November, when I shall write again.

H A Pitt-Roche Esq EDS
The Mill House
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Hampshire
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Yours sincerely
Lavinia Townsend



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22 October 1981

I enclose a letter I have received from Mr. Pitt Roche about the Mountbatten Memorial, and a copy of my reply, which I think is self-explanatory.

I should be very grateful if you could look into this, and let me have a reply which I might send to Mr. Pitt Roche. My records show that I sent you his photographs, and the letter that he received from Lord Mountbatten, on 10 July.

W F S RICKETT

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Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, C.B.E.

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22 October 1981

Thank you very much for your letter dated 17 August about the Mountbatten Memorial, which I am afraid I have only just received.

I am sorry if you feel sore about the way you have been treated. I will look into this and let you have a full reply shortly.

W F S RICKETT

H.A. Pitt Roche, Esq.

15 October 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 13 October.

I have passed your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend in the Ministry of Defence who is dealing with the Mountbatten Memorial Statue, and I am sure he will be in touch with you direct.

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John Doubleday, Esq.

John Doubleday

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Ct. Totham,
Maldon,
Essex CM9 8BX
Tel (0621)892085

13th October, 1981.

The Prime Minister's Office,
10, Downing Street,
London.

Dear Prime Minister,

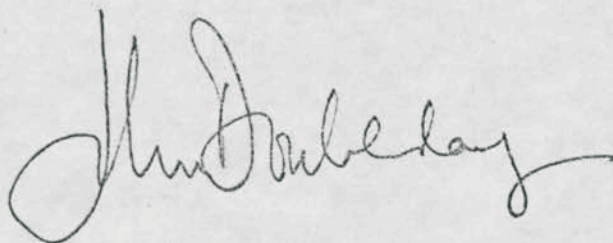
I have been referred to your Office by Mr. William Gates, who has been in correspondence with Lord Brabourne in connection with the proposed Memorial Portrait in bronze, of Lord Mountbatten.

I gather the sculptor will be chosen as a result of submissions made in open competition.

Having produced three portraits in bronze of Lord Mountbatten, and having a great personal admiration for him, I am obviously particularly interested, and if at all possible, I am anxious to use my experience as the only living sculptor who has had sittings with him. I still have a considerable volume of studies and sketches which I made while undertaking portraits for the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and himself.

I would be most grateful if you could tell me in what form you would like submissions to be made, and by what date.

Yours sincerely,





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14th September, 1981.

W. Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing Street, London S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Rickett,

It has been on my mind since receiving your letter and reading the following day's Press, that the offer I made to you, may have suggested that I wished to circumnavigate the procedures you are employing to select a sculptor for the Mountbatten Memorial. At the time of writing, the Press made no mention of a competition and I hope any impression of this order will be dispelled.

My objective in offering to do my part of the exercise for nothing was to gain advantage for my factory and workers. I believe that I am no exception in this day and age when making sacrifices for those we employ.

I realise it is hard for those in politics to be aware of what it is like in the world of small business. There are a number of points which I suspect they may not realise and I would just like to take the opportunity of making two points which could bear consideration:

- (1) It should be clear to a Conservative Government that the future of this country could best be served by the small business and clearly with the talents at our command, the future could centre around a renewed Arts and Crafts movement. I travel a great deal throughout the world and can assure you we have a great deal to offer in this area.
- (2) The first question any politician should ask himself when considering the small businessman is "Why does he do it?"

I hope I have clarified my position regarding the sculpture and naturally my offer still stands good but this would be dependent upon reproducing a limited edition of the figure in porcelain for general sale.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Suttty

THE MILL HOUSE,
GREATBRIDGE,
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William Rickett Esq.,
Secretary
10, Downing St.

Dear Mr Rickett, re Mountbatten Memorial

I enclose your letter of July 10th
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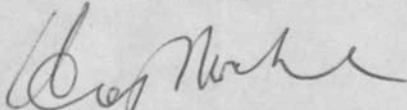
I wrote subsequently to Rear Admiral
Townsend on this subject of a sculpture I could
offer without a fee but received no reply

I wrote again in similar vein and still
received no reply.

I presume either your department or
Townsend's may have the photograph and personal
letter I sent which Lord Mountbatten wrote me and
which I value.

Since it now appears that Townsend is
not interested may I have my photographs and letter
back, please? I feel a bit sore about the way
I have been treated. I have been brought up to
believe that a Naval Officer always had good manners.

Yours sincerely,



H. A. Pitt Roche. L.D.S.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 July 1981

Dear Mr Pitt Roche

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 8 July about the Mountbatten Memorial.

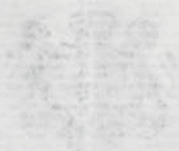
She was very grateful for your offer to execute the commission for the statue. I am sending your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Memorial Appeal, asking him to take your offer into account.

*yours sincerely
William Rickett*

H.A. Pitt Roche, Esq.

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Note for the Record.

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Sponsors. Early October.

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Royal Society

cc:- Rear Admiral L Townsend

5 August, 1981

Thank you for your letter of 31 July, in which you ask to be considered for the commission to execute the memorial to Lord Mountbatten.

I am passing your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Mountbatten Memorial Fund. He will take your kind offer into account when any competition for the commission is set up.

W. F. S. RICKETT

D Wynne, Esq

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RUSHMERE,
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WIMBLEDON COMMON,
LONDON, S.W.19
TELEPHONE 01-946 1514

GR/ There is a standard reply to these
probably in the Mountbatten
memorial file in CF. Pl find me
and type.

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31st July 1981.

The Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
Westminster,
S.W.1.

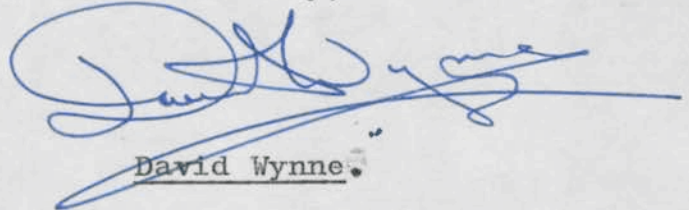
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Dear Sir,

I noted in the Times on July 7th that there was
to be a statue erected in London to the late Lord Mountbatten.

I am writing to ask that I may be included among those
considered for this commission. I recently executed a bust
of Lord Mountbatten for the R.A.C. club in Pall Mall of which
he was president. The present president H.R.H. Prince Michael
of Kent and the Countess Mountbatten gave much assistance
over the likeness. The bust is to the waist, and with full
decorations.

Yours sincerely,



David Wynne.

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cc: DOD
(Rear Adm.
Townsend)

10 July 1981

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W F S RICKETT

H.A. Pitt Roche, Esq.

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ORIGINAL LETTER
AND ENCS SENT TO
REAR ADM. L. W.
TOWNSEND, CBE,
Defence Services
Secretary, MOD

THE MILL HOUSE
GREATBRIDGE
ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE
SO5 0HP
ROMSEY 512207

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8th July 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

IN 1978/9 I was asked to sculpture a portrait bust of Lord Louis Mountbatten at his home here in Romsey.

I sculptured two busts and he was delighted with the first but did not live to see the second.

He asked me to sell him ten copies for his own private use and this I was able to do by making them myself at cost.

We then had some conversation about my adding on the figure to the existing sculptured head because he said he was certainly not going to sit again for any sculptor and would like to see my sculpture so used. But we later agreed that the cost of casting a bronze statue would be beyond the means of the local Authority. He had hoped to see a statue at the Mountbatten School. So after his death I presented the school with a casting of the head.

If you would care to see the two sculptures I could bring them to London and leave them in your care.

If it were then thought that my sculptured head might be suitably used for a heroic figure I would be happy to carry out the work without a fee. By using a professional model wearing Naval uniform this would not be difficult.

I enclose various photographs and a letter (cutting

Yours

Sincerely
H. A. Pitt Roche

H. A. Pitt Roche. L.D.S.

R H

Royal family

cc:- Rear Admiral L Townsend 7.7.

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7 July, 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 6 July, in which you ask to be considered for the commission to execute the memorial to Lord Mountbatten.

I am passing your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Mountbatten Memorial Fund. He will take your kind offer into account when any competition for the commission is set up.

W.F. S. RICKETT

Michael J Sully, Esq

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cc Rear Admiral L Townsend
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W. F. S. RICKETT

F Belsky, Esq

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Belsky FRBS ARCA 12 Pembroke Studios Pembroke Gardens London W8 6HX telephone 603 3527

6 July 1981

Dear Mr. Whitmore, ^{29th} - Part 1 attached

When I wrote to you in September 1980 inquiring about the Lord Mountbatten sculpture, you told me that I would be included in the list of competitors.

Now that the competition is imminent, it may interest the organisers to see a copy of the RBS regulations for competitions which have been carefully drafted by our professional body and have been successfully used on a number of occasions.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Jenkins

Clive Whitmore, Esq
The Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street, SW1



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6th July, 1981.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. M. Thatcher,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1

RJ

Dear Prime Minister,

Memorial to Lord Mountbatten of Burma

You may possibly remember that we have met briefly on two occasions and apart from the model I made for you, you expressed some interest in the military figures we make. I read this morning in The Times of your proposal to erect a memorial to the late Lord Louis Mountbatten. Just before his murder took place, we were discussing a commission with him. Although I never met him, I feel he represented a golden breed who contributed very greatly to the freedom which I and the rest of my fellow countrymen enjoy today. It is for this reason that I'd like to make the following offer:

I would be prepared to make the sculpture to whatever size the committee would like, absolutely free of charge. I'm afraid they would still have to pay for the bronze and the foundry work - although we can perhaps suggest to the foundry that they can at least donate some of their labour costs to the charity in this "Year of the Disabled".

Regarding the sculpture, I would of course place myself in the hands of your Committee and am confident that I can give them anything from a photographic likeness to an abstract concept. If at anytime they were not satisfied with what I produced, there would be no commitment to proceed further. I am also in a position to suggest that miniature bone china versions of the model could be produced by my own factory and we would present them to the Committee at cost. They would then be able to raise more funds by reselling at a suitable retail price.

When we last met you did discuss my concern over the future of my Company. Although it is still extremely tough, we have



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had magnificent support from the Regiments we have been dealing with and I am hopeful that we can do a good job for the services. I believe with hard work and dedication we stand a good chance of surviving and for that hope for the future I would like to thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael SUTTY

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