

PRIME MINISTER

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that bothers me in the

Mountbatten Statue

idea of an appeal for a Statue

just when everyone is
interested in a Wedding. I don't
think it will do very well

We were about to put a submission to you three or four weeks ago outlining the next steps on the appeal for the Mountbatten statue when we heard that Lady Mountbatten had been in touch with the Ministry of Defence to say that the Memorial Trust Appeal had been going more slowly than had been originally planned and that the second round of that Appeal was being launched only now. She was concerned that if the Statue Appeal was announced very shortly after the second round of the Memorial Trust Appeal, the Memorial Trust might not get as much money as it would have done if it had had the field all to itself. She therefore hoped that we would consider delaying the Statue Appeal for some months.

I then tried to have a word myself with Lady Mountbatten about this but at the time she was overseas. Instead we spoke to Mr. Biles, who is the new secretary of the Mountbatten Trust (there are signs that his predecessor had to go because he was not making much of a fist of the Trust, and this might explain why the Trust Appeal has been going more slowly than it should have done). Mr. Biles took generally the same line as Lady Mountbatten but went further in suggesting that the Statue Appeal should be postponed until the spring of 1982.

I was concerned at the prospect of such a long delay in launching the Statue Appeal. We had already deferred the start of the Appeal from the autumn of last year to the beginning of this in order to let the Memorial Trust Appeal get off to a clear start. We had then delayed a further 4-5 months for a number of reasons, including the controversy over the part Lord Mountbatten was said to have played in Mr. Cecil King's activities in 1968. All in all, we should have given the Memorial Trust Appeal a clear start of about 9 months before the letter from you, Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel launching the Statue Appeal was published in the Times. It seemed to me that if we now in effect doubled this period by extending it until the spring of next year, we should find that

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virtually all the sources of funds we should want to tap for the Statue Appeal had been approached certainly once and possibly twice already by the Trust Appeal, and that people would be irritated to find that after one major Mountbatten Appeal lasting 18 months another one was being launched. There was a real risk of the Statue Appeal flopping badly if we proceeded in this way.

*Passage deleted and closed, 40 years,
under FOI Exemptions.*

*Wayland
19 July 2013*

I am sorry to inflict this saga upon you, but I think that you should know why there has been this further delay. It seems pretty clear that the Memorial Trust Appeal has not been handled

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particularly well so far and that Mr. Biles is now trying to make up lost ground. I also have the distinct impression that, in Lady Mountbatten's eyes, the Statue Appeal takes second place to the Trust Appeal. On the other hand, you have obtained The Queen's approval for the erection of the statue and you got the agreement of Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel in March to join you in launching the Statue Appeal with a letter to the Times. They will all be wondering why nothing appears to be happening, and I think it would be hard to explain to them that there was going to be a further delay of 6-9 months. If you agree that we should go ahead now with the Statue Appeal, the next steps are:-

- i) For you to write to the other suggested sponsors of the public appeal (Sir Caspar John, Lord Harding, Sir Dermot Boyle, Lord Zuckerman and Lord Trevelyan) asking them to join you, Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel in signing the letter to the Times to launch the Appeal. Letters to them for your signature are in the attached folder.
- ii) For you to clear with Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel the draft of the letter to the Times, which they have not seen before. Letters to them are also in the attached folder.

The Chief of the Defence Staff would like to give a lunch to tap city funds. He would like to time the arrangements so that the invitations go out before your letter appears in the Times (the need for confidentiality at that stage would be stressed) but the lunch itself would be held after the publication of your letter. The Chief of the Defence Staff would like to be able to say, when issuing invitations to the lunch, that he had been asked to do so by you. Are you content with this?

JAW.

3 June 1981



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 February 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 1 February, and for your very generous donations to the Mountbatten Memorial Fund. She has also asked me to thank the Bahamas National Equestrian Federation for their donation.

I shall certainly make sure that these reach the Secretary of the Fund.

J. W. F. S. RICKETT

Mrs. Rosemary Misselbrook

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Area 809 (32)
Tel. 55171

Mrs. C. B. Misselbrook
P.O. Box N 985
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Bahamas

1st February, 1982.

Mrs. M. Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London England.

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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE FUND

I am sending you this letter as I have mislaid the address for the Mountbatten Statue Fund, but I am sure you will be able to have this redirected for me.

I am enclosing my own personal cheque from my Husband and myself, together with a Sterling Draft for £25.00 from the Bahamas National Equestrain Federation of which I am Secretary.

A marvellous idea and I am sure the response has been excellent.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Misselbrook

Rosemary Misselbrook.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

7th January 1982.

Dear Mr Rickett,

I am grateful to you for your letter of 24th December - I am sorry not to have replied until now.

The report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal is very satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

David Steel

William Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.



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I am grateful to you for your letter of 24th December -
and sorry that it is a long time before I can
reply to it. The reason for the delay is the
fact that I am very busy at present.

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Royal Family

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24. December 1981

Many thanks for your letter of 22 December, and for the report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. The Prime Minister was grateful for this, and I have sent it on her behalf to the sponsors of the appeal.

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Sir Arthur Hockaday, KCB, CMG.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 December 1981

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

The Prime Minister has also asked me to send you her best wishes for a happy New Year.

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(To all sponsors)

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



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22 December 1981

W F S Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Prime Minister
*If you agree, I will
send this report on
your behalf to the co-sponsors
of the appeal.*

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*WM
23/12*

Dear Rickett
EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

With my letter of 8 October I forwarded, for the information of the Prime Minister and other sponsors, a note on the progress of this appeal.

...
2. I now enclose a further report on the situation up to last week which may be of interest to the Prime Minister and which she may again wish to consider circulating to her co-sponsors.

3. I am copying this letter and enclosure to the recipients of my earlier letter.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

The following sets out the situation at 16 December 1981.

Donations

1. The total sum contributed amounts to £71,000 from some 3,300 donations. These have been received from more than 35 countries; from members of the general public, from Service and ex-Service individuals and organisations, from Members of Parliament, from commerce, banking, industry and the news media. The flow of donations is now tailing off, though it is expected that they will continue into next year.

Publicity

2. While there has been no recent national publicity, there has been a very satisfactory "picking up" of the Appeal by Association, House and other magazines, periodicals and newsletters, many of which have included Appeal brochures with their publications. This has helped to widen knowledge of the Appeal and maintain the flow of contributions. It will no doubt continue into the New Year; but no further active publicity for the Appeal will be generated after 31 December, apart from short press releases to inform the general public of progress, until the prospect towards the end of the year of a Royal Film Premiere in support of the appeal - planning is in hand with the Variety Club of Great Britain in respect of the forthcoming film Gandhi.

The Statue

3. The following sculptors have accepted the invitation to take part in the limited competition:-

Franta Belsky
John Doubleday
Elisabeth Frink
Oscar Nemon
Ivor Roberts-Jones
John Wragg
David Wynne

They have been invited to see films of Admiral Mountbatten and to attend a briefing discussion in MOD in January. They will present their ideas in April for adjudication by the Selection Committee whose decision is expected to be announced in June. The unveiling is planned for early summer of 1983.

Financial

4. With interest received and less some £800 expenses, the Fund stands at £71,500. £3,500 is payable to the participating sculptors in April and, allowing for a further £500 in administrative expenses, the present balance, with interest

based on minimally reducing rates, should provide about £78,000 by the spring of 1983. Without taking account of any further donations and of the Film Premiere this should very nearly suffice to meet the currently estimated costs of the Statue (£40K), the plinth and landscaping (£20K), and maintenance (£20K). (Any residue is destined for the Mountbatten Memorial Trust whose aims are to support the United World Colleges and to further technological research to assist handicapped people.)

22 December 1981

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 October 1981

In the Prime Minister's absence at the Mexico Summit, I am writing on her behalf to thank you for your letter of 19 October. I am sure she will be delighted to know about the donation you hope to secure for the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and I know she would want me to thank you for all that you have done so far as a sponsor of the Appeal.

W. F. S. RICKETT

Lord Zuckerman, OM, KCB, FRS.

W.F.S.

22 October 1981

In the Prime Minister's absence at the Mexico Summit, I am writing on her behalf to thank you for your letter of 19 October. I know the Prime Minister will understand your position and why the drum does not beat very loud! I am sure she would want me to thank you for all that you have already done as a sponsor for the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and really would not want to put you to any more trouble.

W F S RICKETT

The Lord Trevelyan, K.G., G.C.M.G., C.I.E.,
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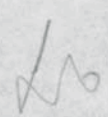
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22 October 1981

In the Prime Minister's absence at the Mexico Summit, I am writing on her behalf to thank you for your letter of 17 October. This is just to say that I am sure the Prime Minister will be very grateful to you for all your help over the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and indeed for all that you have done as a sponsor.

W F S RICKETT

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



THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA (STATUE APPEAL)



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Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB, KCVO, KBE, AFC
The Lord Trevelyan, KG, GCMG, CIE, OBE
The Lord Zuckerman, OM, KCB, FRS

General Secretary :

Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, CBE

20 October 1981

Dear Mr Rickett

Thank you so much for your letter of 19 October and for the very generous donation from the Prime Minister to the Mountbatten Statue Fund.

I am sure that she will have been encouraged by the report from Sir Arthur Hockaday and even more so to know that the Fund has now reached a total of £43,000. The most encouraging aspect is the large number of donations we have had from individuals and Service Associations who held the Admiral in such high regard.

We shall be sending you another progress report at the end of the year when, I trust, we shall have taken another step forward.

Yours sincerely
Leslie Townsend.

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19th October, 1981

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Dear Prime Minister,

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Thank you for sending me news about the Statue Appeal. I suspected there would be some kind of clash with the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial Trust. I am however hoping to secure a donation of a couple of thousand pounds from a Foundation with which I am associated.

*And I do hope
more will be forthcoming,*

*Yours ever,
Sally.*

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
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October 19

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for letting me know the encouraging progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. In these days I am not in a position to help much in the way of collecting money for public or charitable purposes; the drum does not beat very loud - but I shall do what I can to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Tracy

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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your

letter of 12th October with a report on
the present status of the Mountbatten
Memorial Appeal. I was very glad
to hear it had made such a good
start.

I am afraid I have been rather
dilatatory in making a personal contribution
but I will be sending a modest
subscription to Admiral Townsend



shortly, and will consult with him
on what I could usefully do to muster
more support.

Yours sincerely

John Harding

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter letting me know how the Appeal for the Mountbatten Statue is going.

The difficulty in this County is that there have been so many appeals on behalf of local projects in which Lord Mountbatten was interested that most people feel they have already done enough.

However I will continue to do what I can

Yours sincerely,

Gerard Boyle

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



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13 October 1981

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Dear Rickett

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

Thank you very much for your letter of 12[✓] October.

2. I am most grateful to the Prime Minister both for writing to her co-sponsors as she has, and particularly for her extremely generous personal contribution to the appeal. Admiral Townsend will be formally recording our thanks when he acknowledges the Prime Minister's cheque, but I wanted to tell you of my own personal appreciation which I know that my Secretary of State will also share.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

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THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

13th October 1981.

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David Steel

Many thanks for your note of 12th October outlining progress on the Mountbatten appeal.

I am glad to see that it is going so well. I am in particular drawing it to the attention of the Isle of Wight council in view of his associations with the island.

*Yours sincerely,
David Steel*

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.

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From the Private Secretary

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12 October 1981

LORD MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMAN STATUTE APPEAL

Thank you very much for your letter of 8 October, and for sending me a progress report on the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal.

The Prime Minister has seen your report, and has sent it to her co-sponsors under cover of the attached letter. I hope that this will increase the number of sponsors featuring among the contributors.

The Prime Minister herself decided to contribute £50 and I shall be sending her cheque to Admiral Townsend shortly.

I am copying this to those Private Secretaries to whom you copied your letter.

W F S Rickett

Sir Arthur Hockaday, KCB, CMG

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Michael,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear David.

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Sir Caspar,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Barbara Castle

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

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Lord Harding,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Sir Dermot,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

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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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Lord Trevelyan,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Solly

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours

Margaret

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

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Here is a progress report
on the Mountbatten Memorial
Appeal.

Yes
I think it would be a good
idea if you were to send this
to your co-sponsors to keep
them informed. If you agree,
perhaps you could sign the
attached covering letters.

If you would like to contribute
to the Appeal yourself, cheques
should be made payable to the
"Mountbatten Statue Fund".

WFSH

9 October 1981

*Yes - would
you make out -
a cheque for
£50. net*

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

The appeal was launched by the Prime Minister and other sponsors in a letter to The Times on 6 July 1981. What follows sets out the situation as of 8 October 1981.

Donations

Some £40,000 have now been received from about 2,200 donors. Donations range from 50p to one of £5,000 from the City of London, but most are from individuals in relatively modest amounts.

Direct Approaches

The Chief of the Defence Staff gave a luncheon for a number of prominent personalities from the City and this has brought several large contributions and offers of help.

Several hundred personal letters have been sent to companies, publications, clubs, societies and associations. Somewhat less than half have acknowledged the letters, and in many cases Board decisions are awaited on donations. Decisions may be assisted by a recent approval by the Charity Commissioners that the appeal should have the status of a registered charity. Some organisations have declined to contribute because they have previously made a donation to the Mountbatten Memorial Trust or the Mountbatten Memorial Hall of the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.

... Some 50,000 copies of an appeal brochure (copy attached) have been printed and distributed to Broadlands, county shows, Navy days, Air days, Army tattoos, ex-service associations, and with service magazines.

When Parliament re-assembles, it is proposed to draw the appeal to the attention of Members through the Whips' Offices. Brochures have been placed in the House of Lords with a notice, but so far with little response.

Publicity

Daily papers in the UK, particularly the Daily Express with a special feature on the anniversary of Lord Mountbatten's death, have been helpful. There have been one or two slightly snide comments in the Daily Telegraph and Evening Standard, but of no real significance.

With the co-operation of the FCO and Service Attachés, the appeal has been publicised in 33 countries overseas, from which there has already been an encouraging response. The US Navy have given further publicity in their Naval Institute magazine.

Rear Admiral Townsend (the General Secretary of the appeal) has broadcast over the British Forces Network and letters from him have now appeared in service and defence publications - national and international.

Future Projects

Sir James Carreras has suggested that it may be possible to arrange a Royal Film Premiere in conjunction with the Variety Club of Great Britain early in 1982. This is being investigated and could be financially rewarding.

The Statue

It is intended to invite the following sculptors:

Franta Belsky
John Doubleday
Elisabeth Frink
F E McWilliam
Oscar Nemon
Ivor Roberts-Jones
John Wragg
David Wynne

to take part in a limited competition and to submit maquettes and supporting sketches in April 1982 for adjudication by a Selection Committee comprising the following:

Chief of Defence Staff (Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin)
The Countess Mountbatten of Burma
The Lady Pamela Hicks
Mr. Alan Bowness, Director of the Tate Gallery (subject to confirmation)

Sir Hugh Casson
Mr. Henry Moore
Mr. David Piper, Director of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Sir Arthur Hockaday (MOD)
Mr. John Kaye (DOE)

Time Scale

It is hoped that the statue may be ready for unveiling in the spring or early summer of 1983, but this must depend on the time for sculpting and casting.

It is not intended to pursue the campaign by further approaches or distribution of brochures after the end of 1981. However, if a Film Premiere proves possible, this will provide a substantial sum, as well as a degree of publicity. The announcement of the selected design for the statue and the naming of the sculptor will also provide further publicity. This may bring further donations and, as there would be nothing to be gained by closing the fund, it is intended that it should remain open until all commitments have been met.



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THE EARL
MOUNTBATTEN
OF BURMA
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APPEAL

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION

The Prime Minister has recently launched an appeal for a statue to commemorate the life and work of Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma who was assassinated in 1979.



The intention

It is intended to erect a statue of Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, KG, PC, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO, in Naval uniform. The statue will be sited on the Foreign Office green, looking across Horse Guards Parade towards the Old Admiralty Building.

A competition will be held among leading sculptors to design the statue. It is hoped to unveil it within the next 2 years.

It is estimated that one hundred thousand pounds will be required to fund the project, including the maintenance of the statue

in perpetuity. This sum to be raised by public subscription by the end of 1981.

Any surplus sums donated will go to the Mountbatten Trust for assisting the handicapped and the United World Colleges.

How you can help

The sponsors feel sure that there are many who will wish to contribute to the cost of a memorial and ask that donations, accompanied by the attached slip duly completed, should be sent to:—

Rear Admiral L W Townsend, CBE,
Room NC7,
Old Admiralty Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2BE

Donations will be acknowledged unless otherwise requested. A list of donors (not amounts) will be recorded for the Mountbatten family archives.

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE FUND

Donor's name and title/rank

If an Association or Company insert name to whom acknowledgement should be sent

Address

Amount

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Payable by cheque in favour of Mountbatten Statue Fund

or Credit Card Please complete authorisation form on reverse

If no acknowledgement is required please tick

List of Sponsors

Sponsors:

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP

The Rt Hon Michael Foot, MP

The Rt Hon David Steel, MP

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The Lord Trevelyan, KG, GCMG, CIE, OBE

The Lord Zuckerman, OM, KCB, FRS

General Secretary:

Rear Admiral L W Townsend, CBE

I authorise you to debit the above donation to my account with:-

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Signature

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



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8 October 1981

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W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Dear Rickett

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

I understand from Admiral Townsend's office that you would like to have from me, as Chairman of the Steering Committee for this appeal, a progress report which you can show to the Prime Minister and which might also form a basis on which she could inform her co-sponsors of progress.

...

2. I attach a note which attempts to set out briefly the efforts we have made, what we have achieved so far, and our future plans. A point which I have not covered in the report, but which the Prime Minister may wish to bring delicately to the attention of her co-sponsors, is that very few of the sponsors feature as yet among the contributors!

3. I am copying this letter and enclosures for information to the Private Secretaries of those Ministers to whom (or to whose predecessors) the Prime Minister copied her letter of 22 September 1980 to Mr. Pym.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

JS

Royal Family

15 September 1981

William Rickett, to whom you wrote on 14 September, is now on holiday, and I am therefore replying on his behalf.

We are grateful to you for clarifying your position in relation to your earlier offer, and I have taken the liberty of passing a copy of your latest letter to Rear Admiral Townsend - who will, I am sure, bear in mind the point that you have now made that you are prepared to do the work for nothing.

(SGD) T.P. LANKESTER

Michael Suttty, Esq.

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cc: MOD

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15 September 1981

Dear Mr. Stanley-Hill,

I am most grateful for your very kind offer, in your letter of 27 August, to donate the master-negative and world copyright of your interview with Lord Mountbatten to the Mountbatten Statue Appeal.

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Meanwhile, let me repeat how much I appreciate your generous gesture.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Colin Stanley-Hill, Esq.

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PRIME MINISTER

I attach a draft letter for you to send in reply to a letter from Australia offering us the copyright on a filmed interview with Lord Mountbatten shortly before he died. I attach a draft reply, and background note at Flag A.

S.J. Pike
MP TL

14 September 1981



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1
Telephone 01-~~886 7022~~ 218 6169

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10th September 1981

Dear Willie,

FILMED INTERVIEW WITH LORD MOUNTBATTEN: LETTER FROM
MR COLIN STANLEY-HILL

I attach as requested in your letter of 1st September a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Colin Stanley-Hill.

You will recall that Mr Stanley-Hill sent the Prime Minister a video-tape recording of a private interview with Lord Mountbatten, offering in the letter dated 27th August which accompanied it to present her with the original negative, together with the world copyright, in the hope that it could be used to raise money for the Mountbatten Statue Appeal.

The film turns out, on inspection, to contain nothing very new, and to have a strong orientation towards Australian and New Zealand audiences. The opinion of the group of COI and Defence Public Relations officials who viewed it was that British television companies would not find it of interest.

It was, however, suggested that with some editing the interview might be marketable in the form of a cassette on a direct sales basis. This would entail some advertising, probably through the 'quality' newspapers and such organisations as the Burma Star Association and the British Legion. Copies could be run off as required, so that there would be no risk of losses arising from unsold stocks.

The COI are investigating this idea with a view to estimating the likely profit to the Appeal Fund from each cassette sold, and the Appeal Steering Committee which meets in this Ministry under the Chairmanship of Sir Arthur Hockaday will wish to consider their findings. Meanwhile only an interim reply can be given to Mr Stanley-Hill, and I have drafted accordingly.

Yours ever

Derek PIPER

(D T PIPER)

William Rickett Esq

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Mr. Stanley-Hill
15/9

1 September 1981

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Stanley-Hill. He encloses a film of a private interview with Lord Mountbatten. He offers to give us the copyright to this film, and suggests that we sell copies of it to raise money for the Mountbatten Memorial Fund.

I should be grateful for your advice on whether we should take up Mr. Stanley-Hill's offer, and a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to him by Tuesday 15 September.

We have not acknowledged Mr. Stanley-Hill's letter, since he lives in Australia.

WR

Derek Piper, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

WRP

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Stanley-Hill Galleries

Royal Arcade

Hilton Hotel
Sydney, 2000

Tel: 264-7659

Res: 3581924

27th August, 81

Dear Prime Minister,

The Australian press has published details of your intention to erect a statue of Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma, and of the appeal to raise £100,000.

On Sunday 15th July 1979, I filmed a forty minute private interview with Lord Louis at Broadlands, in which he reviewed his past life, his association with the royal family, and his views on the future.

By the tragedy of his assassination six weeks later, it is the last interview he ever gave, and as such is of historic interest.

When the film was shown on Australian national television last year, it evoked an enormous interest, and I received many requests from ex-servicemen, and others whose lives had been touched by Lord Louis, to purchase a copy of the film. Copies were sent to H.M. The Queen last Christmas.

If you consider the film could be of use in attracting funds to your appeal, I would be very pleased indeed to present you with the master negative of the film, together with the world copyright, as my small contribution to this very worthy exercise.

No need to
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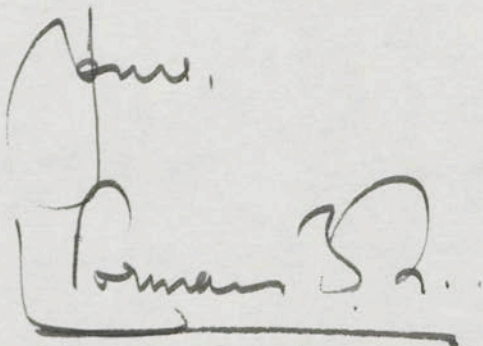
THE SECRETARY
OF CHANCELLERY
PARLIAMENT
WESTMINSTER PALACE
LONDON SW1A 0AA

6th of July, 1981

My dear Mr Thatcher,

I was delighted to read the letter which appeared in THE TIMES about the proposed Memorial to Lord Mountbatten, and I hope that this splendid launching will ensure the fine response which this appeal deserves.

With best regards,



The Rt Hon. Mrs Margaret H. Thatcher, MA, BSc, MP..

'THE TIMES' 6 JULY 1981

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial to Lord Mountbatten of Burma

From the Prime Minister and others

Sir, We believe there are many people in this country and overseas, and from all walks of life, who would wish to see a memorial erected to commemorate the life and work of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, KG, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO, who, after a lifetime of service to the British Commonwealth of Nations, was so tragically killed in 1979.

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Admiral Mountbatten's achievements as a sailor, a military commander and a statesman are now a part of the history of the twentieth century and made even more remarkable by his own determination to dedicate himself to a career in the Royal Navy at a time when title and privilege could so easily have led to a more comfortable life. His exploits as the Captain of HMS Kelly, his leadership as the Commander of Combined Operations, and his victories as Supreme Allied Commander in South-east Asia, all bore the imprint of the professional fighting man. As the last Viceroy of India his

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At a time when he might have rested on these laurels, it was at his own wish that he returned to sea in the Royal Navy as a rear-admiral, which led to his appointment as First Sea Lord and, finally, as Chief of the Defence Staff.

We feel sure that there are many who will wish to contribute to the cost of a memorial and we ask that donations, which will be acknowledged, should be sent to: Rear-Admiral L. W. Townsend, Defence Services Secretary, Mountbatten Memorial Fund, Old Admiralty Building, London, SW1.

Any moneys which may be received in excess of the cost of the memorial will be passed to the Mountbatten Trust for assisting the handicapped and the United World Colleges.

Yours, etc.

MARGARET THATCHER
MICHAEL FOOT
DAVID STEEL
HARDING OF PETHERTON
TREVELYAN
S. ZUCKERMAN
DERMOT BOYLE
CASPAR JOHN,
10 Downing Street, SW1.
July 5.

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Family



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 July 1981

re L. Pilpel

We spoke about the letter the Prime Minister hopes you will publish. This is enclosed.

As you requested, I have asked each of the signatories to sign a copy of the text of the letter. I can assure you that they have all agreed to do so, and I will forward the signed copies as they arrive. Those we have already received are enclosed.

I can also assure you that the signatories had no objections to the order in which their signatures appear.

The Prime Minister hopes that you will feel the letter is sufficiently important to publish. If you agree, she would be very grateful if it could appear on Monday 6 July.

Yours sincerely,

William Kirkcaldy

L. Pilpel, Esq.

CB

PRIME MINISTER

- ✓ 1 Tell Bernard
- ✓ 2 Tell Fob's office of publication date
- ✓ 3 confirm X minute ~~to~~ auto.
- ✓ Tell messenger to deliver to Dilysed himself.

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

All the people you approached to sponsor the appeal for this statue have agreed, and I have confirmed with Lady Mountbatten that she has no last minute objections. The way is now clear for you to write to the Editor of the Times as attached. The letter is on plain paper because of the variety of signatories.

I have consulted Bernard Ingham and the Northern Ireland Office on timing. Both agree we should aim for publication next Monday. I have warned the signatories of the letter that we are aiming to publish on Monday.

Content?

X/ The Chief of Defence Staff would like to issue invitations to his fund-raising lunch early on the day of publication, saying that his invitations are issued on your behalf.

Content?

Yes
no
WFSR

2 July 1981

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Trevelyan
S. Zuckerman
Dermot Boyle
Caspar John

The Editor of The Times

Woodbatten Station

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FAIR GALLOP
BRIGHTON ROAD
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LYMINGTON 682322

1st July 81

Dear Private Secretary,

As agreed on the telephone today I herewith return the copy of the proposed letter to the Times duly amended and signed.

Yrs sincerely,

David B. de

MOUNT BATTEN MEMORIAL

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Sir Caspar John Trethewey Mousehole Penzance Cornwall TR19 6QQ

Mousehole (073 673) 775

1st July 1981

Dear Private Secretary -

Following our telephone conversation
today - I have made the alterations
you have outlined in the draft letter
to the Times & have signed - herewith.

Yours sincerely

Caspar John

From: Michael Foot MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

29 June 1981

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Sunday pm
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Letters Editor,
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877-1234 x 7322

Dear Michael,

Thank you for sending me a draft letter to
The Times in connection with the memorial for
Lord Mountbatten. I am content with its terms.

Perhaps you would let me know when it is
likely to appear.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP

Sir Caspar John Trethewey Mousehole Penzance Cornwall TR19 6QQ

Mousehole (073 673) 775

c/7 p/s

26th June 1981

Dear Prime Minister (29/6)

I am replying to your letter of 23rd June, concerning a public memorial to Lord Mountbatten.

I confess to an antipathy to national memorial statues, but I am reassured that such as the Mountbatten Trust exemplifies his international life and work, so it would be churlish of me not to support you as a sponsor to be included in your proposed letter to The Times.

Yours sincerely
Caspar John



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26 June 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for the invitation to associate myself as a sponsor in the public appeal for a statue of Lord Mountbatten. I gladly accept.

/ I attach the draft letter to The Times, which I have signed.

*Yours sincerely,
S. Zuckerman*

S. ZUCKERMAN

The Rt. Hon.
Margaret Thatcher, MP

From Field Marshal Lord Haig of Pettherton

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25th June '81

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 23rd

June about a public appeal for funds to put
up a statue in London to Admiral of the
Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma. I shall be
very happy to join with you and others in
signing a letter to The Times to start off the
appeal.

The draft letter which you kindly
enclosed seems to me to be entirely appropriate
and I have no comments to make on it.

Yours sincerely

Haig of Pettherton

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FAIR GALLOP
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Dear Prime Minister,

I thank you for your letter of the 23rd June regarding a public memorial to the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma.

I certainly agree to be a signatory to a letter to the Times on the lines you propose and to be a sponsor for the appeal.

May I take advantage of this opportunity to send you my sincere good wishes for success in the enormous task of Prime

Minister which you are
facing with such courage,
skill and determination.

Yours sincerely,
Dermot Boyle

(Sir Dermot Boyle)

13 WILTON STREET
LONDON SW1X 7AF
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June 24

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of June 23
about the proposed public memorial to
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mountbatten of Burma.
I shall be honoured to join with you as a sponsor
of this appeal .

Yours sincerely,

Harold G. ...

Royal family.

MR. WHITMORE

The Mountbatten Appeal

As I mentioned to you earlier this afternoon, Lord Trevelyan rang today with a comment on the draft letter to The Times launching the Mountbatten Appeal. He thought that the reference to Lord Mountbatten's achievements in India "in so short a time" was unfortunate. He suggested that it should be amended or omitted since many "old India hams" ^{*} thought that Lord Mountbatten had acted too quickly and that much loss of life had resulted.

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* the victims of big striking exploits
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24 June 1981

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THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P. ² Prime Minister



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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23rd June 1981.

To see
1 Mr Whitmore
2 file
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Dear Prime Minister,

Very many thanks for your letter of 23rd June about the statue of Lord Mountbatten.

I readily agree with what you propose, and am happy that my signature be added to the letter.

Yours,
D Steel

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.

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



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(SGD) MARGARET THATCHER

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Right Honourable David Steel, M.P.

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Raymond Beckett

The Right Honourable Michael Foot, M.P.

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

The Prime Minister mentioned at her meeting this morning with the Home Secretary, the Chairman of the Party and the Chief Whip that she had misgivings about launching the appeal for the Mountbatten statue so close to the Royal Wedding. She acknowledged that if the appeal was delayed still further, the response to it when it was eventually launched might be poor, the more so as the second round of the Memorial Trust appeal was about to be initiated and would have a clear field, if the statue appeal was deferred until, say, the autumn. On the other hand, she was not certain that an appeal for a statue of a dead man was timely when the Royal Wedding was so close.

The others present at the meeting all said that it would not have occurred to them that it would be inopportune to launch the statue appeal close to the Royal Wedding. They agreed entirely that it would not be appropriate for the letter to The Times to appear in the same week as the Royal Wedding, but they saw no harm in the appeal being launched in early July.

The Prime Minister said that, in the light of her colleagues' advice, she would write immediately to the five people who were being invited to join her, Mr Foot and Mr Steel in signing the letter to The Times and she would aim to get the letter to The Times published in early July. If, for whatever reason, this was not possible and the letter could not appear until the latter half of July, it would probably be better not to send it but to postpone launching the appeal until October or November.

22 June 1981

AKH

Note

I spoke to Lady Mountbatten this afternoon to tell her that it was proposed to publish the letter to The Times in early July. She welcomed this.

AKH 23.vi.81.



10 DOWNING STREET

Home Ministry.

Following this morning's
 discussion on the Mountbatten
 Statute appeal I attach for
 your signature the letters I
 submitted earlier. They have
 been amended in one small
 respect to take account of the
 lapse of time since they were
 first drafted.

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