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Dear Governor,

Thank you so much for your message informing me that because of a misunderstanding you and your wife were not able to come over for a wreath-laying ceremony in Cowes on 25th November.

Mr. John Ward telephoned my Private Secretary, John Barratt, twice during our visit to the US in October and although I was not unfortunately available on Friday 22nd November, it was suggested that since I have given up my official residence in the Isle of Wight, Carisbrooke Castle, you and at least some members of your delegation might care to come and have lunch with me at my home, Broadlands, just outside Southampton on Tuesday 25th November. We would then arrange a special Hovercraft to take us over to the Island for the wreath-laying ceremony and I would escort you back to the mainland in time for you and your party to return to London. I also agreed I would attend a special reception you were planning to hold in London on 27th.

*cc: [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*  
*Press Release*

As we had heard nothing further, we naturally assumed that this alternative suggestion was unacceptable to you and had made tentative plans accordingly. It is sad that it was wrongly thought by the organisers of the trip that I may have made other plans since it was made perfectly clear to Mr. Ward by my Private Secretary that I would go ahead and book these two dates.

I much appreciate your kind invitation to join you at Saint Clements Island on 25th March to celebrate Maryland Day and delayed replying to you until I knew what my programme over that period was likely to be.

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*Stency Hoyer is co-ordinating with St M. on days activities. I wish they could. Will have answer Feb 25 in P.M. — details to be supplied and will answer this correspondence*

*JOM*

As a matter of fact I have just been invited to accompany my; oldor daughter Patricia, who is married to Lord Brabourne, on an official visit to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry of which she is the Colonel-in-Chief in my capacity as Colonel of The Life Guards.

We fly out to Ottawa on the 22nd March for various official engagements, including a call on the Governor-General on the 23rd and 24th, but I could ask the PPCLI to release me in time to get to Baltimore on the morning of 25th. I would, however, have to leave Baltimore on Flight EA 172 departing at 1940 on the 25th in order to catch a connecting flight on to Winnipeg where I must join up with my daughter again for the most important part of our visit.

This would only give me a few hours in Baltimore but I would be very happy to come and take part in some of your Maryland Day celebrations in my capacity as Governor of the Isle of Wight if this would fit in with your plans.

As I am just off on a trip to the Middle East, Far East and Australia and do not return until the beginning of March I have asked the Commander of the British Navy Staff in Washington, Rear-Admiral Halliday, if he will nominate a member of his staff to co-ordinate this possible visit and they will get in touch with your office to discuss plans.

Yours sincerely  
Maurice de Brans

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EDWIN WARFIELD III  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



STATE OF MARYLAND  
MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201

11 March 1976

The Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Mandel:

The undersigned had a meeting at the Fifth Regiment Armory regarding the suggested itinerary for the visit of Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Present were:

General Warfield )  
General Kilkowski )  
General Dean ) State Military  
Colonel Ten nyson ) Department  
Lt Colonel Seeds )  
Miss Green )

Mrs. Polly Barbara St Mary's City Commission  
Commander Lorimer Royal Navy & Aide to The Earl  
Mr. Tom Cross Assistant to Senator Hoyer  
Sgt Mowbray Maryland State Police

The schedule is enclosed as attachment #1. Mrs. Barbara is going to organize the use of the Naval Academy Band and is going to prepare the wreaths.

We assume the Governor will want to meet The Earl at Patuxent Naval Air Station in the Governor's helicopter. If that is not the situation, General Dean will be on hand in the Air National Guard C-131 and will bring Lord Mountbatten to St Mary's City in an Army National Guard UH-1 helicopter.

Tom Cross and Mrs. Barbara have the head-count of people that will attend luncheon at St. Mary's College. The Earl will make a short speech to the Maryland State Senate in the Old State House, of about ten minutes duration.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel

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If the weather is good, the helicopter will depart after luncheon at approximately 3:00 pm for a trip to St. Clements Island. The Army Guard helicopter will follow the Governor's helicopter and General Dean will authorize members of the Press or legislators selected by the Governor to accompany the Governor's helicopter.


Departure from St. Clements Island will be directly to Annapolis. If the weather is bad, General Dean will provide vehicles for the short trip from Patuxent to St. Mary's City and I am sure the Governor will have his own ground transportation and would want to meet The Earl at the Patuxent Naval Air Station.

The only effect of bad weather will be to cancel the flight to St. Clements Island. In order to make an orderly departure from Baltimore Washington International Airport, 6:00 pm should be the latest The Earl should leave Annapolis. Colonel Scott will meet the helicopter at BWI and will have a VIP waiting room available and he will make sure The Earl meets Eastern Airline Flight #172 at 7:40 pm.

General Dean will invite Colonel Thomas Smith, Maryland State Police, to accompany him if Colonel Smith so desires.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



EDWIN WARFIELD, III  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA - THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 1976

- 9:00 am - Depart New York Residence
- 10:00 am - Arrive White Plains, Westchester County Airport
- 10:10 am - Take-off in ANG C-131 Twin Engine Convair
- 11:30 am - Arrive Patuxent Naval Air Station  
To be met by Governor and Mrs. Mandel
- 11:35 am - Depart Patuxent Naval Air Station by State Police Helicopter
- 11:45 am - Arrive St. Mary's City  
To be met by Naval Academy Band - and to proceed to  
Old Senate Chamber
- 12:00 N - Make speech in Old State House;  
To be introduced by Governor Mandel
- 12:15 pm - Lay wreath at monument next to Senate Chamber
- 12:30 pm - Lunch at St. Mary's College
- 2:00 pm - Helicopter trip to St. Clements to lay wreath at Cross
- 2:45 pm - Depart by helicopter for Annapolis;  
Depart by automobile if weather is inclement
- 3:30 pm - Arrive Annapolis by Helicopter  
Visit with Governor and Mrs. Mandel, rest and change uniform
- 6:00 pm - Depart Annapolis by helicopter for BWI Airport  
Colonel Scott will set up VIP waiting room with Eastern  
Airlines

Must be at Friendship by 7:00 pm  
EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT #172 departs 7:40 pm

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Mrs. Doris Greig  
General Delivery  
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

Dear Mrs. Greig:

It was so nice of you to write and give me your comments on the visit of Lord Mountbatten of Burma to St. Mary's County.

The Maryland Senate was proud to hold session in St. Mary's County on Maryland Day in the year of our Bicentennial.

You will be pleased to learn Lord Mountbatten of Burma was delighted with the reception he received in Maryland and expressed much pleasure in having the opportunity to spend Maryland Day in St. Mary's County.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Governor

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