

Letter from Melville Bell Grosvenor to Jason S. Joy, May 15, 1939, with transcript

May 15, 1939 Colonel Jason S. Joy, # Twentieth Century Fox Studios, Beverly Hills, California. Dear Colonel Joy:

Your letter to my father arrived yesterday as he was rushing to the train for a ten-day stay in Florida. He asked me to send on to you the enclosed copies of his correspondence with Mayor Waterous of Brantford, Ontario, which might be of help.

I prophesied that you would have trouble with the release of the film in Canada. I suppose 50 years from now the Canadians will claim that The National Geographic Magazine is a Canadian product because my father has spent his summer vacation nearly every year in Nova Scotia since he began as Editor! The Canadians' claim to my grandfather's invention of the telephone is just about as ridiculous for the apparatus was constructed, experimented with, and the first words were spoken in Salem, as you know. To say otherwise is like trying to convince one that black is white. It's a good example of patriotic propaganda.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely, MBG MBG:A Encls.