

Letter from Edward J. Hall to Alexander Graham Bell, May 27, 1903

Form J Subject Paper — The Future of the Telephone. FREDERICK P. FISH, President, EDWARD J. HALL, Vice Prest & Genl Mgr. AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO. CHARLES E. HUBBARD, Secretary, Wm. R. DRIVER, Treasurer. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, 15 DEY STREET, New York, May 27, 1903. In reply to yours Alexander Graham Bell, Esq., No. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., My dear Mr. Bell:

Several years ago Mr. Hubbard gave me a copy of a paper prepared by you at the very inception of the telephone business, in which was laid out, in considerable detail, the plans which have practically been followed in the commercial development of your invention.

My recollection is that the paper was prepared for the consideration of some gentlemen in Washington who were looking into the matter of taking up the telephone, and that it antedated the organization of any of the existing companies.

I have been trying recently to find this paper, but have not been able to do so, and shall be greatly obliged for another copy if you can conveniently let me have it.

Yours very truly, Edward J. Hall Vice President.