

Letter to Mrs. Frederick Winston, June 20, 1966

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June 20, 1966 Associate Secretary and Executive Assistant to President and Editor Mrs.
Frederick Winston c/o Mrs. Frances Smith 41 McGrane Street Cessnock New South
Wales Australia Dear Mrs. Winston:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of your generous attitude in making it possible for us to acquire, for the Bell Collection, Alexander Graham Bell's original drawing of the telephone.

Mr. Howell Walker of our editorial staff also wants to thank you for the courtesy you showed him when he called at your home in Cessnock, and he asks me to convey his kindest regards to you and your family. He has explained that had circumstances been otherwise you would have gladly presented, instead of selling, the drawing to the Bell Collection. Please be assured that we thoroughly understand and respect the conditions of the negotiation.

On behalf of the descendants of Alexander Graham Bell, I would like to thank you very much for passing on this historic drawing—a treasured contribution to the Bell Collection.

Gratefully and sincerely, cc: Mrs. Frances Symonds Howell Walker