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July 23, 1943

John D. Rockefeller, jr. Esq.
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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

I am wondering if you would be willing to help me finance some new work here in the office, by making me a loan of \$1000 - as at least that much of the fee stipulated in the enclosed letter will be due me in a few weeks time. Upon receipt of such payment I would immediately repay the loan.

*referred to
Mr. Schmidt
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Should you find it convenient to do this, I shall be most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Mott B. Schmidt

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July 28, 1943

Dear Mr. Schmidt: X

Your letter of July 23rd asking for a loan of \$1,000 is received. As I wrote Mrs. Schmidt when she asked for similar cooperation several years ago, personal loans have brought only unhappiness and loss of friendship to our office, with the result that for years past we have discontinued making them almost without exception. While my present feeling is that I cannot wisely depart from a policy the wisdom of which time has only made clearer, I will not say "no" to your request without at least a little further information with regard to the circumstances which call it forth.

It would appear that you have been working for some time on plans for the "Middlebury property"; that these plans are well along; that when they are completed, you are to receive \$2,500 plus any actual travel expense; that their completion will be effected within the next few weeks; and that the financial accommodation you are now asking is to enable you to meet the current expense of making these plans until the \$2,500 is received. Are all of these inferences substantially correct? If so, how soon is it probable that the plans will be completed and delivered? To what extent have you obligations to draftsmen and others which must be met when the \$2,500 payment is received and how sure are you that you will be able to pay at that time such an advance as you are now requesting?

With this information in hand, I will be glad to give you a prompt reply.

In considering this matter I would feel the more ready to look with favor upon it had I been happier in your relationship to the Philipse Castle Restoration. It was because I felt that you lacked interest in the undertaking and were not giving it the time and attention which I thought it required that I suggested and brought about your withdrawal from the enterprise. I am aware of the fact that your feeling, on the other hand, was that you were giving far more time and attention to the Restoration than you were being paid for. I realize that the enterprise was a small one. Nevertheless, because of its public character and because through me and the various members of my family you and Mrs. Schmidt had been put in the way of professional business which I had always assumed paid you well and was of value to you, I had hoped - since work in your own profession was not plentiful and you had time on your hands - you would have felt the Restoration was not unworthy of your best effort. But this is all past. You have at least been made good, through the payment I later made to Mrs. Schmidt, for the full amount of your out-of-pocket expense for the Restoration and it is a closed issue.

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Awaiting further word from you at your convenience, I am,

Very sincerely,

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

Mr. Mott B. Schmidt
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July 30, 1943

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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Thank you for your letter of July 28th. I can quite appreciate your feeling regarding personal loans and understand fully your position in this matter.

However, in reply to your questions, the inferences you state are correct in every particular. The preliminary plans will be completed and delivered in about 30 days and I shall then be entitled to receive one-half the fee. At that time my total obligations in connection therewith will be within the \$1000. requested, and I am sure I can repay the loan because I promise to earmark the actual check for that and no other purpose.

I am glad to have you write me frankly about Philipse Castle because it gives me an opportunity to assure you with all the sincerity at my command, that I was ever deeply interested in this work, and that I gave it unsparingly of my time and attention - although I have always felt that my efforts in connection therewith (whether intentionally or otherwise) were not fairly presented or interpreted to you. Also I know that I had no thought at any time of being underpaid for this work, as I felt that I shared your interest in what has been an unusual and in fact a fascinating developement.

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Elena and I have always been most grateful for opportunities to be of professional assistance, and had hoped that we succeeded in showing our appreciation in the most important way - that is by giving our best attention to all matters, large or small.

As my conscience is clear, I should like to feel that you will perhaps come to think of me in a little better light as regards my services to the Restoration.

Sincerely yours,

Mott B. Schmidt

August 2, 1943

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Your letter of July 30th is received. I am sorry that I cannot loan you \$1,000 as you request. I am, however, giving you that amount, a cashier's check for which to your order is enclosed.

Hoping that this business upon which you are working when completed will more than cover its cost to you and that you will have some margin of profit, I am,

Very sincerely,

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

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Mr. Mott R. Schmidt
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August 4, 1943

John D. Rockefeller, jr. Esq.
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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

I am at a loss for adequate words to express my gratitude and thanks for your letter and check. Your kindness leaves me most inarticulate, and yet I hope that you will know how truly grateful I am for this real service.

Although I will return the check to you at the earliest possible moment as promised, I am fully conscious that I can never repay your many and varied acts of kindness and consideration during a long period of time.

Your good wishes in connection with the work that I am doing are most appreciated, and I shall be happy to tell you more about this at some future date, as it is a most interesting project that will ultimately run into millions of dollars.

Most gratefully and sincerely,

Mott B. Schmidt

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September 29, 1943

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Esq.
Room 5600
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Having just received payment from the Waterbury Clock Company, I enclose herewith check for \$1000 in return of the amount you were so good as to send me last month.

I wish to thank you once more for your assistance and to tell you how much I appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Mott B. Schmidt

September 30, 1943

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 29th enclosing a check to my order for \$1,000. Since you have preferred to treat the subject of our recent correspondence as a loan, I shall, of course, be glad to accede to your wish.

It is gratifying that the business which you were doing has resulted in the payment which you hoped for and expected. I am glad for your sake.

Appreciating your attitude in this whole matter and with my best wishes as always, I am,

Very sincerely,

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

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check given Rev. G.