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Mr. M.J. Rossant  
The Twentieth Century Fund  
41 East 70th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Murray:

Thank you for your most gracious letter of January 24th, repeating your invitation to me to join the new National News Council - and believe me, you did not interrupt my evening. It was simply that I was so astounded to hear from you at a quarter to ten after years of silence!

Murray, I cannot do this. I am still whirling far too much doing a daily newspaper column, a monthly magazine column and the weekly newsletter - and the book - to take on even one more activity. I simply cannot squeeze it in.

In addition, this Council, as you know better than I, will not be a casual thing if it is to succeed at all. I would not become a member of a council of this character without great deliberation and without full intentions of giving it my complete attention.

Since membership on the Council would take devotion and time, and since I cannot give these now, I must decline.

Do send my very best to Barry Bingham, whose charm I can attest to over many years, and my affectionate best to you.

Thank you again for the compliment expressed and implied.

Cordially,

  
Sylvia F. Porter

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