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Dear Dr. Vincent:

Dr. Judson, Dr. Flexner and I were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute in regard to Mr. Gates' resignation from the Rockefeller Foundation. Dr. Judson and Dr. Flexner have each prepared a draft of this minute. Both drafts were so admirable that I made my contribution by combining them, and am sending you herewith a copy of the finished draft. Would you be good enough to read this with a critical eye and suggest any changes in words or phrases which occur to you, passing on the corrected paper to Mr. Embree as the final report of the Committee?

Very truly,

John D. Rockefeller Jr.

President George E. Vincent,  
Rockefeller Foundation,  
New York City.

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It is not easy to put in words the appreciation of the Rockefeller Foundation for the services rendered by its retiring member, Frederick Taylor Gates. To his wide vision is in great measure due the inception of the Foundation and of the world wide undertakings which have marked its history. His keen foresight has always served to warn of dangers which might easily have been serious. His wise sense of proportion has been of inestimable value in the selection of the most fruitful objects for action. The essential policies which have been followed in the China medical work were clearly outlined by him in advance. His steady support went far to ensure success to the campaign for public health throughout the world. His clear perception of realities was most effective in determining the fundamental principles of medical education and of medical research which the Foundation has supported. The wealth of knowledge, the energy of exposition, and the matured judgment which have always marked his share in the deliberations of the Foundation, have been a rare contribution to its success. It is with gratitude for the service which he has so freely and so efficiently rendered, with deep respect for his attainments and ideals, and with sincere affection for him personally, that the Members of the Foundation have felt compelled to accede to his request for withdrawal. It is the hope of all that he may have many years yet of full and useful activity.