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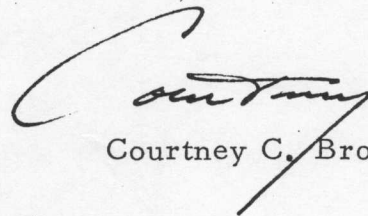
Dear Henry:

It seems like a very short time indeed since you and I discussed the possibility of your taking leadership in the work of the American Assembly. What a fortunate thing it was for the Assembly that your response was affirmative.

Under your guidance the American Assembly has become a major influence in the nation's affairs. I hope that it in turn has provided to you the opportunity for expression and interest that you sought when you initially identified yourself with its activities.

On behalf of each member of the Board of Trustees I am privileged to convey the enclosed Resolution. I can bear witness that its language can convey only a small part of the deep sense of gratitude, respect and admiration for you that was expressed at the last Board meeting. All of us feel that it has been a unique experience and privilege to have been associated with you in these activities and we hope that we may have the opportunity of further consultation with you without imposing excessively on your energies.

Cordially,



Courtney C. Brown

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WHEREAS Henry Merritt Wriston served The American Assembly from 1955 until 1966 as Executive Director, as President, and as Chairman respectively, and

WHEREAS during this period The American Assembly, under his guidance, experienced extraordinary growth and became an institution of major influence on the American educational scene: witness the increase in the circulation of publications, the installation of regional and international Assemblies as well as that foremost undertaking--the administration of the President's Commission on National Goals--and witness the incorporation of the Assembly by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS he imparted to the Assembly a spirit of intellect, vigor and confidence, lending broad outlook and wise counsel and manifesting always a tireless readiness to find resources to finance its work,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Trustees of The American Assembly express their admiration, their grateful appreciation for this devoted service and outstanding achievement and their deepest good wishes for a long and happy life, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees confer upon him the title of Chairman Emeritus with the privileges of a Trustee including that of participating in all functions of the Assembly

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the minutes of The American Assembly.