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Mr. Warren Smith
Clinton, Iowa

Dear Warren:

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Just a note...to point out to you...that I sent in my precog predictions to you in early June...and one of those, under "Celebrities", stated thast (that dam 's' again) an unusual number of movie stars would pass away within a year or so from the date of my writing to you.

Incredibly, the Virginian-Pilot newspaper today reported the death of Jack Hawkins...famous movie star...and the newsclip went on to state the following:

"Hawkins was the sixth major film performer to die...in two weeks. The others were Robert Ryan, Veronica Lake, Joe E. Brown, Betty Grable, and Lon Chaney, Jr."

How's that for precog forecasting, Warren? (The others I mentioned haven't demised yet.) But I was uncannily accurate on the volume of those demising!

Best....

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Noted British Actor Dies

LONDON (AP) — Actor Jack Hawkins, who often played the role of the stiff-upper-lip wartime English officer and gentleman, died Wednesday in a London hospital. He was 62.

Hawkins, who had his larynx removed in a 1966 throat cancer operation, had undergone surgery in New York in April to implant an artificial voice box, one of the first to volunteer for such an operation. But he never healed from the operation and soon after his return to England he was forced to enter St. Stephen's Hospital where he began hemorrhaging.

His wife Doreen said: "He was so brave, I just can't tell you. It was remarkable. He never complained and that was what broke my heart.

"It was very courageous of him to become a guinea pig. It would have been marvelous for fellow sufferers if he had recovered. I am so sorry it did not work."

Hawkins did manage to make some films after his initial operation. In 1967, he was coaxed into playing the part of a British ambassador in "Catherine The Great" by coproducers Peter O'Toole and Jules Buck.

"It's ideal for me," he said at the time. "Every time I open my mouth to speak, someone interrupts me."

The voice box surgery, which has been performed on less than a dozen patients, was intended to give Hawkins near-normal speech.

After his larynx was removed, he had learned to speak in what he laughingly called "burps," by forcing air from his lungs and stomach through his throat and mouth.

A London-born actor who first appeared on the stage



Hawkins in New York hospital (UPI)

when he was 13, Hawkins enjoyed a career which spanned the era of George Bernard Shaw and modern Hollywood.

He was only 14 when he was auditioned by Shaw — successfully — for a part in "St. Jean." Hawkins was a London theater star before he was 20 and a stage contemporary of Laurence Olivier.

He began getting small movie parts in 1935 and quickly shot to international stardom.

After World War II, he appeared in screen classics like "The Cruel Sea," "Ben Hur," and "Bridge over the River Kwai." His imposing presence and personality fitted him perfectly for officer roles.

Hawkins interrupted his career briefly after the 1967 operation.

"When I knew I would lose my voice it was pretty shattering," he said. "I could scarcely overcome the black moods of depression that I felt because I no longer could speak."

In "Catherine The Great," just a year after his operation, other actors dubbed in the limited voice parts. Hawkins said at the time he would rather retire than take jobs offered out of pity, but he said O'Toole and Buck spent nine months convincing him that was not the case.

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