



Session on
Timothy Knatchbull on the India launch of his book "From a Clear Blue Sky"
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Timothy Knatchbull, author of "From a Clear Blue Sky" addressed Aspen Institute India on March 8, 2010. Mr. Knatchbull, using excerpts from his book, he explained the chronology leading to up to the bombings, his relationship with his grandfather – Lord Louis Mountbatten - but more importantly his twin brother and his coming to terms with tragic day. His speech was broken into three parts. The first was about the day of the bombing. He using, pictures from before the bombing and memories, illustrated the closeness he had shared with his family and especially with this twin brother Nicholas and how it was shattered by the events of that day. The second part of his speech was about his twin brother and what it was like to be an identical twin. In this, he explained how similarities were not only in the physical appearance but at the emotional and subconscious level as well. The third and final part of his speech was on the closure he achieved by returning to the site of the bombing years later. In his speech, Mr. Knatchbull mentioned that his book was not about his grandfather, it was not political or created out of anger, but personal, a tool for him to grow, say goodbye and achieve some peace. He acknowledged that many people have car crashes that change their lives, this book was acknowledgement of his own 'car crash', the one tragic moment that changed his life.