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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher FRS MP
House of Commons
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Dear Prime Minister

As you know, this College, in its function as the national memorial to Sir Winston Churchill, has an Archives Centre devoted particularly to the history of Sir Winston's era and subsequent periods. Our ability to use the substantial documentation already there to best advantage and to add to it especially from the memories of people still alive who were much involved at the time, is severely constrained by the availability of funds.

The father of the present Sultan of Brunei who you will shortly be visiting, had a deep affection for Sir Winston Churchill and it was on his inspiration that the Churchill Museum in Brunei was established in 1971 as part of the Brunei Historical and Culture Centre. I would be most grateful if, should you find a suitable opportunity, you could mention to the Sultan the desirability and utility of an appreciable donation to our Archives Centre. On our part, we would be interested in forging closer links between the Archives Centre and the Churchill Museum.

It goes without saying that if he were to express an interest, we would of course be happy to provide him with all the information he might desire about what the Centre is already doing and what it could achieve with additional funding. We would also be very glad to invite officers of the Museum and the Brunei High Commission to visit the College and in particular the Archives, to discuss whether there are any ways in which we could be of help.

Yours sincerely

Hermann Bondi

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From the Private Secretary

14 March 1985

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 8 March. She will certainly try to find an opportunity to raise this matter with the Sultan during her visit and I have asked for it to be covered in the briefing.

Charles Powell

Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, K.C.B., F.R.S.



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From the Private Secretary

14 March 1985

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Sir Hermann Bondi suggesting that she might mention the Churchill Museum in Brunei to the Sultan during her forthcoming visit. I should be grateful if this point could be covered in the briefing for the Prime Minister's visit.

Charles Powell

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