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From the Private Secretary

14 January 1986

EX-KING CONSTANTINE'S SON

Thank you for your letter of 13 January about the timing of the Prime Minister's message to Mr. Papandreou about Prince Paul's place at Sandhurst.

The Prime Minister accepts the Foreign Secretary's advice that the Ambassador in Athens should be instructed to deliver the message at the earliest opportunity. I enclose a copy with a current date.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and to Sir Philip Moore at Buckingham Palace.

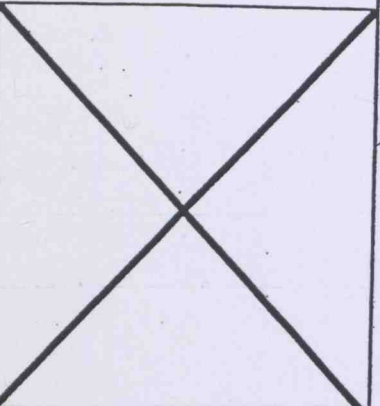
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13 January 1986

Agree to

Dear Charles,

Ex-King Constantine's Son

Yes no send the message now?

In your letter of 3 January you asked for advice on the timing of the Prime Minister's message to Papandreou about Prince Paul's place at Sandhurst.

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As Prince Paul is not to start at Sandhurst until September there may be an argument for giving the Greeks as little time as possible to make a fuss. But Sir Geoffrey Howe is concerned about the very real risk of a leak. This would nullify the effect of any message. Additionally, if Papandreou is to react badly he will do so whenever the news is passed. Delaying until nearer the time and presenting him with an obvious fait accompli is likely only to add to the Greek irritation. By telling him now we stand a better chance of him accepting the view that this was indeed a decision taken purely on personal and family grounds. The Foreign Secretary therefore believes that the Ambassador in Athens should be instructed to deliver the message (attached for ease of reference) at the earliest opportunity.

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The original signed message from the Prime Minister, now with the Ambassador in Athens, is dated 16 December. If the Prime Minister is content to proceed without further delay, it would be better to hand over an original with a more recent date. I should be grateful if you could provide us with this.

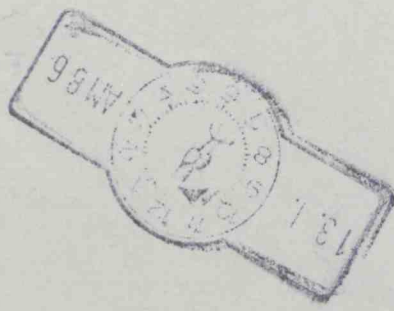
Yours ever,

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3 January 1986

From the Private Secretary

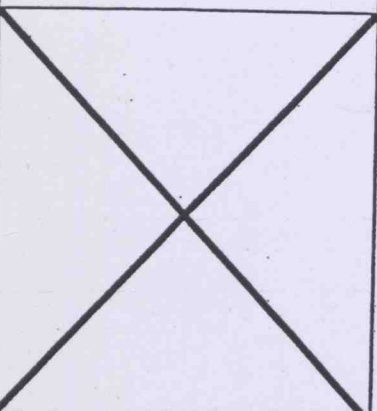
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It would be helpful to have the Foreign Secretary's advice on the timing of a message, bearing in mind that King Constantine's son will not start at Sandhurst until September. We here see cogency in the argument that the less time given to the Greek Government to make a fuss the better.

Charles Powell

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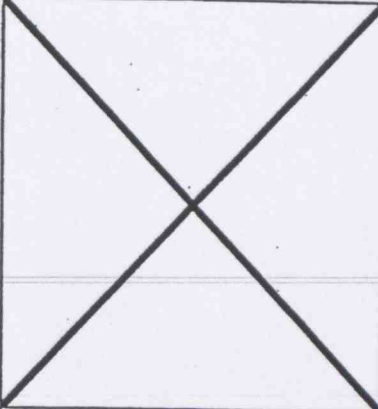
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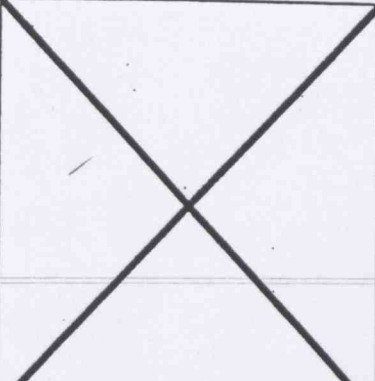
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