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1 Let us should  
 make the proposed  
 amendments - see  
 overpage - and  
 Dear Charles, would it to send the attached  
 message to Papandreou?  
 P.C.S. not if so, I will alert  
 Philip Moore

13 December 1985  
 Prime Minister  
 Agree in principle

Ex-King Constantine's Son

CDP  
13/11

As you know, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have agreed that Prince Paul of The Hellenes should attend Sandhurst and follow a military career (presumably with the British Army).

It is clearly recognised that this decision is likely to provoke a negative response from the Greeks. We have therefore addressed ourselves to the problem of how best the news should be presented. The Foreign Secretary considers that a Prime Ministerial message to Papandreou would be most appropriate.

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The Ambassador in Athens advises that he should deliver the message personally to Papandreou or his Diplomatic Adviser, taking such necessary supportive action with the President's Office as seems necessary on the day. Since Mr Thomas is currently in the UK, delivery could not be made until after his return on 18 December.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (MOD).

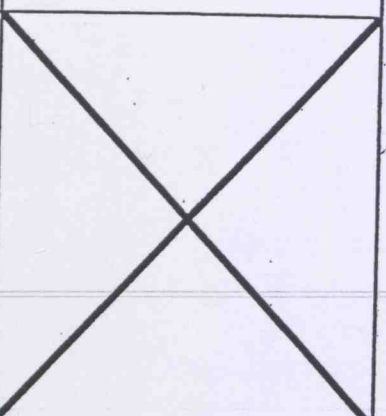
Yours ever,  
 Colin Budd

(C. R. Budd)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
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