

PRIME MINISTER

Herr Strauss' funeral is on Friday. Clearly you cannot go. We have tried Lord Whitelaw and Lord Carrington but neither can manage it. We are at present approaching George Younger. (The Foreign Secretary probably could go if pressed but seems reluctant.) President Botha is coming from South Africa for it. Agree that Mr Younger should go?

Atscola

PP C. D. POWELL
5 October 1988

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*Yes to George Younger, if he is willing
to go. R. please Charles from can when we
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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
STREIBEL:-

I WAS MUCH SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF FRANZ-JOSEF STRAUSS
AND SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF BAVARIA.
THOSE OF US WHO KNEW HIM AND WORKED WITH HIM WILL ALWAYS
REMEMBER HIS FIRM CONVICTIONS AND DEEP BELIEF IN FREEDOM BASED
UPON STRONG DEFENCE. HE PLAYED A MOST REMARKABLE ROLE IN THE
HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WE JOIN YOU IN MOURNING A GREAT BAVARIAN
AND GERMAN AND ALSO A GREAT EUROPEAN.

2. PLEASE ALSO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER TO STRAUSS'S DAUGHTER:-

I KNOW HOW DEEPLY SADDENED YOU WILL BE AT THE DEATH OF YOUR
FATHER AND WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE OUR SYMPATHY AT THIS
DIFFICULT MOMENT. YOUR FATHER'S OUTSTANDING POLITICAL CAREER,
HIS CONTRIBUTION BOTH TO BAVARIA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND
HIS COMMITMENT TO EUROPE WILL ENSURE HIS PLACE IN HISTORY. I
JOIN YOU IN MOURNING THE DEPARTURE OF THIS MOST REMARKABLE MAN.

3. SIGNED ORIGINALS FOLLOW BY BAG.

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From the Private Secretary

4 October 1988

DEATH OF HERR STRAUSS

I enclose texts of messages from the Prime Minister to Herr Streibel and Frau Hohlmeier. I should be grateful if you would arrange for them to be delivered as soon as possible. The text of the message to Herr Streibel can be released to the press after delivery.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGES ON THE DEATH OF HERR STRAUSS

The Embassy in Bonn suggest that you send messages to Strauss's Deputy as Minister President of Bavaria and to his daughter. I attach drafts. Agree to send?

C.D.P.

Charles Powell

3 October 1988

MESSAGE TO HERR STREIBEL

"I was much saddened to hear of the death of Franz-Josef Strauss and send my deepest sympathy to you and the people of Bavaria. Those of us who knew him and worked with him will always remember his firm convictions and deep belief in freedom based upon strong defence. He played a most remarkable role in the history of the Federal Republic and in the development of the European Community. We join you in mourning a great Bavarian and German and also a great European."

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E. R.

MESSAGE TO FRAU HOHLMEIER

"I know how deeply saddened you will be at the death of your father and want you to know that you have our sympathy at this difficult moment. Your father's outstanding political career, his contribution both to Bavaria and the Federal Republic and his commitment to Europe will ensure his place in history. I join you in mourning the departure of this most remarkable man."

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Mr Powell, W.O.



With the compliments of

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

We spoke. Self-
explanatory telegrams
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	17	I was ^{much} deeply saddened to hear of the death of Franz-Josef Strauss and send my ^{deepest} most sincere condolences to you and the			
	18	people of his beloved Bavaria. Those of us who knew him and			
	19	worked with him will never forget his strength of personality ^{and his}			
	20	his staunch defence of our Western freedoms and his unique			
	21	contribution from the very beginnings of the Federal Republic.			
	22	His tireless efforts on behalf of Airbus were a reminder of his			
	23	personal commitment to Europe and we join with you in mourning			
	24	a great Bavarian and German, but also a remarkable European.			
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//	26	2. Please also pass the following message from the Prime			
/	27	Minister to Strauss's daughter:-			
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I know how ~~heart broken you must be~~ after the death of your father and want you to know that you have ~~all~~ our sympathy at this difficult hour. Your father's remarkable political career, his contribution to Bavaria and the Federal Republic and his European commitment will ensure his place in history. ~~What remains most vivid in my mind however is the unique warmth and strength of his personality.~~ I join you in mourning the departure of ~~a~~ most remarkable man.

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MIPT : DEATH OF STRAUSS : MESSAGES

1. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE DEPUTY OF THE BAVARIAN MINISTER PRESIDENT, HERR DR MAX STREIBL, STAATSKANZLEI, PRINZREGENTENSTRASSE, MUNICH. A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO STRAUSS' DAUGHTER (WHO HAS ACTED AS 'FIRST LADY' SINCE THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE IN 1984) WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE. SHE IS FRAU MONIKA HOHLMEIER, FRAU MONIKA HOHLMEIER, EULENSPIEGELSTR 94C, 8000 MUNICH 83.
2. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO SEND A MESSAGE TO EITHER OF BOTH OF THESE RECIPIENTS, BUT THIS IS NOT STRICTLY NECESSARY.
3. I HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF THE CSU'S POSITION AS SISTER PARTY TO THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, A MESSAGE FROM MR BROOKE TO THE CSU WOULD BE CONSIDERED. THE RECIPIENT SHOULD BE HERR ERWIN HUBER, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CSU, NYMPHENBURGER STR 64, 8000 MUNICH 2.
4. KENSINGTON PALACE MAY WISH TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES TO FRAU HOLMEIER. DURING THE VISIT BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES LAST YEAR, THEY WERE RECEIVED BY STRAUSS AND HIS DAUGHTER.
5. THESE MESSAGES SHOULD I SUGGEST BE TELEGRAPHED TO THE CONSUL-GENERAL IN MUNICH FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION, WITH SIGNED ORIGINALS TO FOLLOW.
6. IF, AS I ASSUME, THERE IS TO BE A LARGE-SCALE PUBLIC FUNERAL, THEN SENIOR MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. I SHALL TELEGRAPH RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE KNOWN.

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