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His Royal Highness The Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh
Buckingham Palace
London
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24 October 1984

The Appeal which Your Royal Highness launched at the Fishmongers Hall in March this year was a very great success and we have now reached our target.

This means that the interior display is fully funded and I can report to you that it will be complete by the Spring 1985. The display is, by any standards, imaginative and exciting, and includes the historic development of Army Flying as well as aeroplanes and helicopters from the early 1930s: it has a unique collection of World War II gliders, with the Horsa, Hamilcar and Hadrian, and a Hafner R2 prototype helicopter built in 1930.

All ranks serving in Army Aviation, and our forbears in the Air Observation Post Squadrons and Glider Pilot Regiment, are tremendously proud of the Museum and deeply grateful to all those who have made it possible. We were able to open the Museum to the public with a Preview Display and His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent graciously inaugurated the Museum building on 6 July when he visited the Middle Wallop International Air Show.

We in Army Aviation would be deeply honoured, Sir, if you would consider formally opening the Display Hall of the Museum next Summer. The week commencing 29 April provides the first opportunity following the Easter recess at Middle Wallop, but we would make any date available in May, June and July.

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Silent Copy:
Col Fleming

From: Colonel D F Mallam OBE, Deputy Chairman of Trustees



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22nd October 1984

Dear General,

I enclose a draft for you to send to Prince Philip.

Brigadier Clive Robertson is now working for HRH three days a week following the illness and retirement of Richard Davies. It is he who suggested the 29 April week and said that we should write in now.

I would be grateful if a silent copy of your letter could be sent to Colonel (Retd) Fleming as we are late into the Official Army system run by General Mike Palmer. He is Colonel L L Fleming (Retd), MOD PS12b (A), Empress State Building. (Lolic)

If HRH is unable to come I am certain that the Trustees would wish to find a later date that would enable you to come more easily.

And wishing it happy.

Yours sincerely,

John.

Copy to:

Lieutenant General Sir Hugh Stockwell GCB KBE DSO
Major General P A Downward CB DSO DFC
Major General J D W Goodman
Colonel K S Robson

Sir,

The week 29 Apr - 3 May is free in your diary.

JHS.

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Fine. Prep for signature.