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## FUNERAL OF



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### Notes for Distinguished Guests

- There will be a Funeral Service for Lord Mountbatten : at Westminster Abbey on Wednesday, 5th September at 1130 hours. This will be followed by a Committal Service at Romsey Abbey at 1500 hours, attended only by the family and members of the Hoyal Family.
- 2. A Royal Procession will leave Buckingham Palace by car at 1048 hours, and proceed to Westminster Abbey for the Funeral Service; those invited to travel in the Royal Procession are listed in paragraph 4 below.
- 3. A special train will leave Waterloo Station at 1255 hours to convey those attending the Committal Service at Romsey Abbey; details are attached for those invited.
- 4. Those in the Royal Procession will assemble at Buckingham Palace, and will then leave the Quadrangle by car in groups as follows, arriving at Westminster Abbey four minutes later:-
  - (a) 1048 hours King Umberto of Italy

King Simeon of the Bulgarians King Michael and Queen Anne of Rumania King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes.

 (b) 1054 hours Members of Lord Mountbatten's family.
(c) 1056 hours The King of Norway The King and Queen of Sweden The Prince and Princess of Liechtenstein The Prince and Princess of Monaco

The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Luxembourg

(c) continued.

1056 hours The Prince of the Netherlands (representing The Queen of the Netherlands) The Crown Princess of the Netherlands Prince Albert of Belgium ...: (representing The King of the Belgians)

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Prince Raad bin Zeid (representing The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Prince Georg of Denmark (representing The Queen of Denmark)

The Count of Barcelona ( representing The King of Spain)

1100 hours Members of the Royal Family

(e) 1105 hours The Queen

(d)

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother The Prince Andrew

The Prince Edward

- 5. Those in the Royal Procession should arrive at Buckingham Palace in their own cars not less than ten minutes before they are due to leave the Quadrangle.
- 6. Those <u>not</u> in the Royal Procession should proceed direct to Westminster Abbey via the West end of Victoria Street - Victoria Street-Sanctuary - and arrive between 1035 and 1045 hours at the Great West Door, Traffic conditions will be difficult, and it is important to allow plenty of time. On arrival at the Abbey, guests will be met by Ushers and shown to their seats. Tickets and car labels are attached.
- 7. Those in Group (a) of the Royal Procession (see paragraph 4) will arrive at the Great West Door at 1052 hours, and will be met by Ushers and shown to their seats. Tickets and car labels are attached.

,8. Those in Group (c) of the Royal Procession (see paragraph 4) will arrive at the West Entrance Gates of

Nestminster Abbey at 1100 hours, and will proceed to the Great West Door where they will be received by the Dean and Chapter. They will then be conducted in procession to their seats. Car labels for their cars are attached; no tickets required.

9. The cars of those with car labels will be parked during the Service in Great Smith Street under arrangements by the Police, who will also send them forward to collect guests after the Service. Guests should then disperse independently, unless they are proceeding to Romsey.

### 10. Travel Arrangements

Ali travel arrangements to and from the U.K. and also on 5th September, will be coordinated by the Lord Chamberlain's Office, and any inquiries should be directed to the Special Ceremonies Office at St. James's Palace, Telephone No. 01-930-3007, extension 445 (Group Captain Slessor), extension 323 (Sir Julian Paget), or extension 525 (Vice Admiral Sir Ronald Brockman)

#### 11. Other Engagements

There are no arrangements for the signing of books of condolences at Buckingham Palace or elsewhere, and no official engagements are arranged other than attendance at the Funeral Service and Committal Service.

#### 12. Wreaths

No wreaths should be sent to the Queen's Chapel, or to Westminster Abbey. All wreaths should be sent to Romsey Abbey, where they will be laid on the grass outside the North Door.

## 13. Dress

For those in uniform: Full Ceremonial Day Dress with Sword; Black Mourning Band.

For those in civilian dress: Morning Coat or Lounge suit.

## Instructions for the Committal Service at Romsey

The Committal Service will be held at Romsey Abbey at 1500 hours, Wednesday 5th September, and the timings for those attending are:

- 1210 Funeral Service at Westminster Abbey ends. Car Procession to Waterloo Station.
- 1255- Journey to Romsey Station by special train. 1430 (Lunch will be served)

1450- Committal Service

1545- Guests will proceed to Broadlands.

1710- Special train from Romsey Station to Waterloo Station. 1842

#### Transport

1520

1630

You should travel from Westminster Abbey to Waterloo Station in your own car,

<u>No</u> transport will be provided to meet the Special Train when it arrives at Waterloo Station at 1842 hours, and you are requested to arrange that your own car is available to meet you there, if required. A Gentleman Usher to The Queen will be at Waterloo Station to assist as necessary.