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The Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen
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Dear Private Secretary,

At this time of profound national sadness, as President of the Royal Aeronautical Society might I ask that you convey to Her Majesty the deepest condolences of the Society's Trustees, Council and Members on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Society has been honoured by the infectious passion for aviation and the deep interest in aerospace engineering that His Royal Highness constantly displayed throughout his seven decades of association with us. It was a great privilege to be able to recognise this through the award of an Honorary Fellowship 1954 which is the Society's highest distinction by which to mark an outstanding contribution to aerospace. Subsequently, His Royal Highness graciously agreed to become Honorary President in 1966, which marked the centenary of the Society and was also a time of huge progress in aerospace with the advent of the Apollo moon landing programme and subsequently the supersonic Concorde. We were honoured that his Royal Highness kept in constant touch with the Society over the years and readily agreed to deliver a number of our most prestigious annual lectures. His hallmark in these and on many other occasions was the colour that he created through a fund of personal anecdotes and the way in which he had the gift to make his subject accessible to all. In this latter respect, he was enormously effective in stimulating the interest of young people in flying and in aerospace engineering. For this and his many other contributions, he will be greatly missed and we are indebted to His Royal Highness for the example he set through his personal encouragement, infectious enthusiasm and sustained curiosity.

Yours faithfully

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