



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

4th August, 1981.

*Dear Mr. Dykes,*

Many thanks for your letter of 27th July; I made a note in the files of the Establishment Officer in Buckingham Palace of your wish for an appointment in the Royal Household after July, 1983. I have to add, I am afraid, the caution that positions for someone of your high qualifications are few and far between. Nevertheless, there is always the outside chance that something may crop up.

I am sending a copy of your letter and this reply to Mr. Oliver Everett, who is the Comptroller to The Prince and Princess of Wales. He will know the quality of a Fleet Chief Petty Officer from his close association with Mr. Michael Colborne, the Assistant Secretary to The Prince of Wales and lately a Fleet Chief Writer.

*Yours sincerely*

*Peter Ashmore*

Master of the Household

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21st June, 1982.

From: Oliver Everett Esq., MVO.

*Dear Mr Dykes*

Many thanks for your letter of 7th June and for the copy of your essay on the Funeral of Lord Mountbatten. I am sure The Prince of Wales will be grateful for your thought in sending this.

As regards your enquiry about a position working for The Prince and Princess of Wales, I am afraid that we do not have a vacancy at present. I am sorry to have to send you this disappointing reply.

Nevertheless Their Royal Highnesses have asked me to thank you for enquiring.

*Yours sincerely,  
Oliver Everett*

Fleet Chief Radio Supervisor G. Dykes.



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29 June 1982

*Dear Mr. Dykes,*

Thank you for your further letter dated 22 June 1982, which I will file carefully with the letter you wrote to Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore on 27 July last year.

I only wish I could be the bearer of good news. The fact is, as the Master of the Household explained to you in his letter dated 4 August 1981, the Royal Household is not a large unit and vacancies for positions carrying your obvious qualifications occur very infrequently. I have made several enquiries on your behalf, including the Royal Estates, but I fear there do not appear to be any suitable vacancies on the horizon. Your enquiry however will not be forgotten and if a vacancy should arise I will let you know.

I am so sorry that I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Peter A. Wright*

Establishment Officer

Fleet Chief Radio Supervisor G. Dykes, R.N.