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I attended on HRH at Kensington Palace yesterday 30 October at approximately 4 p.m. Sandra Davis & Maggie Rae of my office were also present as was Commander Jephson. Because of the serious statements made by HRH in the course of this meeting I decided unusually to write this entry and to give instructions that it should be securely held.

H.R.H. said that she had been informed by reliable sources whom she did not wish to reveal (they would speedily dry up if she broke her promise of confidentiality) that (a) The Queen would be abdicating in April and the Prince of Wales would then assume the throne and (b) efforts would be made if not to get rid of her (be it by some accident in her car such as pre-prepared brake failure or whatever) between now and then, then at least to see that she was so injured or damaged as to be declared "unbalanced". She was convinced that there was a conspiracy and that she and Camilla were to be "put aside". She had also been told that Miss Legge-Bourke had been operated on for an abortion and that she (HRH) would shortly be in receipt of "a certificate".

I told HRH that if she really believed her life or being was threatened, security measures including those relating to her car must be increased. I frankly however could not believe that what I was hearing was credible as to this alleged conspiracy and sought and obtained an opportunity of a private word with Commander Jephson who surprisingly said that he himself "half believed" in the accuracy of what HRH had said as to the risks to her safety. Reporting to or taking the police in to our confidence would be useless. I said that if anything further should arise on these matters I would make myself available - day or night.

HRH in answer to a question I put to her said that in her view the happiest solution for the future of the monarchy was for the Prince of Wales to abdicate in favour of Prince William and that without any malice whatsoever she wished to put that view forward in the interests of the Royal family and everyone. She was disappointed that the Prime Minister had not been to see her or got in touch with her for a very considerable time. I offered to pass this on to the Lord Chancellor on her behalf and did so later that afternoon in a private meeting I had with him. I told him no more.

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