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BY POST AND EMAIL

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Dear Madam

We are writing to you on behalf of St James's Palace concerning the threatened publication by various members of the PCC of photographs of HRH Prince Henry of Wales which have today been published abroad.

As we understand the position following a telephone call to St James's Palace this afternoon, a number of British newspapers have jointly purchased the photographs and have served notice of their intention to publish them both on-line and in their newspapers. They have asked what the reaction of St James's Palace would be to such behaviour on their part.

As we have already discussed with you, the photographs in question were taken on an entirely private occasion and in those circumstances there was a more than reasonable expectation of privacy. No matter of public interest (as those words are understood in English law) is raised by these photographs. The fact that they have appeared in another jurisdiction is meaningless. The only possible reason for publication of the photographs is one of prurience and nothing more. As such any publication would be a clear breach of Clause 3 of the PCC Code. We should be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the relevant managing editors of your members so that they are fully aware of St James's Palace's position and the fact that they entirely reserve their rights as to any further steps that they may take should publication take place.

Yours faithfully

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