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Group Captain Philip Pinney CVO RAF (retired)

From 1968–1970, Philip Pinney was personal flying instructor to HRH The Prince of Wales – now King Charles III. Later in his Royal Air Force career, Group Captain Pinney was an RAF Station Commander, Aide-de-Camp to Queen Elizabeth II and Service Adviser at Downing Street.

Philip's flew two operational tours in the low-level strike/attack role during the Cold War. In the second, he commanded 208 Squadron flying Buccaneer fighter-bombers. It became the first RAF fast jet and foreign Squadron to fly in North America's Red and Maple Flag air combat training exercises. His Squadron helped develop the air warfare tactics used in the Gulf War and subsequent conflicts.

Then after a tour in Canada, Philip spent 30 months as the Service Adviser in Downing Street's Cabinet Office under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher before being appointed as Station Commander of RAF Benson, Deputy Captain of The Queen's Flight and Aide-de-Camp to HM The Queen. In his final tour before leaving the RAF in 1994, Philip worked with Americans, French, Germans and, by proxy, Russians, paving the way for the 1990s Arms Treaties, which greatly reduced the number of nuclear delivery vehicles and weapons deployed East and West.



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