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**Lord Charles David Powell of Bayswater KCMG** , Crossbench Member, House of Lords , Parliament of the United Kingdom

Lord Powell was private secretary and adviser on foreign affairs and defence to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and subsequently Prime Minister John Major. He is now an independent cross-bench member of the House of Lords where he serves on the Select Committee on the Constitution.  He also chairs the Government's Asia Task Force.

Lord Powell serves on a number of company boards including Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy (LVMH) in France, Caterpillar and Textron in the US, Hong Kong Land and Mandarin Oriental Hotels in Asia and Schindler Group in Switzerland. He chairs the International Advisory Council of Rolls-Royce and sits on several International Advisory Boards including Barrick Gold, the US insurance company ACE and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

He is a Trustee of the Aspen Institute in the US as well as of the British Museum, the International Institute for Strategic Studies and Atlantic Partnership which he chairs. He is a Fellow of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

Lord Powell is married to Carla and has two sons and six grandchildren. Coincidentally his younger brother Jonathan was Chief of Staff to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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