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THE PRIME MINISTER

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T44 79T**

12 July 1979

My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message of 29 June. I warmly congratulate you on the Greek Parliament's ratification of the Treaty of Accession of Greece to the European Communities. This is an historic step.

I note your request for early ratification of the Treaty by the United Kingdom. You may rest assured that we are going ahead with ratification without delay. The procedures are complicated and will take some time, but I am confident they will be completed well in advance of 1 January 1981.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Constantine Karamanlis

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