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The Rt Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London S.W.1.

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to bring to your attention the following in connection with recent threats by Turkey against the Republic of Cyprus:

Over the last few months the Turkish press has carried with regularity reports claiming that the "Armenian A.S.A.L.A." is using Cyprus as a base for its attacks against Turkish diplomatic personnel. These entirely unfounded allegations have been vehemently denied by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Last November following the above allegations, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus invited the special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to conduct an investigation in connection with the above, through officers of the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). This offer included an invitation to conduct surprise visits to any area of their choice in the free part of Cyprus. After a thorough investigation the United Nations Force Commander General Greindl reports that there was absolutely no evidence to support the above allegations. A similar invitation was addressed to Turkish journalists, who accepted it and after investigating reported in the same way.

It is with great concern that we noted a recent statement made by the Foreign Minister of Turkey. The statement is as follows:

"There are indications that the Leaders of an Armenian terrorist organization moved to other countries in the region. In any case, who gave asylum to the Leadership of the Armenian organization will be revealed. The place where most of the attention is directed is south Cyprus. Then, it will certainly not be difficult for anybody to predict Turkey's reaction. I said before that south Cyprus will be making a historical mistake by harboring the Armenians".

This statement was followed by a series of new completely unfounded allegations in the Turkish press. Taking into account the influence of the Turkish Government on the Turkish press we can only surmise that the above constitute an orchestrated attempt to prepare international opinion for an unprovoked military operation against Cyprus.

I would like Madame Prime Minister to assure you that all these allegations are mere fabrications. We have shown

our good faith in the past and have invited international independent investigation to be carried out anywhere on our territory. We would welcome again such an investigation at any time.

I would be grateful, Your Excellency, if you could use your influence to dissuade Turkey from taking any action which will certainly endanger peace security in the whole area of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Yours sincerely,

SPYROS KYPRIANOU  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS"

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