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cc Cyprus: last Sat: Feb 80

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 583/83**

9 INFO ROUTINE ATHENS, ANKARA
10 SAVING TO WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, BONN, PARIS, ROME.
11 YOUR TELNO 75: CYPRUS: ARMENIAN TERRORISM
12 1. Please pass the following reply from the Prime Minister to
13 Kyprianou's letter of 19 April.
14 Quote
15 Thank you for your letter of 19 April about allegations that the
16 Republic of Cyprus is being used as a base for Armenian terrorists
17 This matter has been the subject of diplomatic exchanges between
18 our two ^{countries} ~~Governments~~ in Nicosia. We share your concern that it
19 should not lead to an increase in tension in Cyprus. Accordingly,
20 following a meeting between your Foreign Minister Mr Rolandis
21 and our High Commissioner in Nicosia on 26 March, we told the Turk
22 ish Government at a high level that we ourselves had no evidence
23 of Armenian terrorist bases in southern Cyprus. We also told
24 them of the assurances of your Government that you have no
25 intention of allowing Cyprus to be used for Armenian terrorist

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2 activities. I understand that, in addition, the United Nations,
 3 having made their own investigations in southern Cyprus, ~~and~~ have
 4 told the Turkish Government that these have revealed no Armenian
 5 terrorist presence.

6 I share your concern that nothing should be done to endanger
 7 peace and security in the Eastern Mediterranean. In particular,
 8 I hope nothing will damage the prospects for a solution to the
 9 Cyprus problem through the Intercommunal talks. I look forward
 10 to our meeting in London on 17 May when we can discuss all
 11 these matters further.

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