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cc Cyprus: Relations: Feb 80.

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T613/83

9 1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister
10 to President Kyprianou:
11 BEGINS: As you will have heard I have decided to ask Her
12 Majesty The Queen to dissolve Parliament prior to holding a
13 General Election on 9 June. With the election campaign starting
14 immediately, I am forced to cancel all my other engagements.
15 I am particularly sorry that this means we shall be unable to
16 meet on 17 May as planned. I was looking forward to our meeting
17 and hope that, as one who has recently gone through an election
18 period yourself, you will understand the reasons for the
19 unavoidable change of plans. I do hope it will be possible
20 to rearrange your visit at a mutually convenient date later
21 in the year. ~~after the elections are over.~~ ENDS

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