



Cyprus
File No

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

15 February 1983

CYPRUS

Thank you for your letter of
14 February.

As I told you on the telephone
this morning, the Prime Minister has
approved the text of the congratulatory
message to President Kyprianou. I
should be grateful if you would arrange
for its despatch.

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14 February 1983

*See [unclear]*Cyprus: Congratulatory Message to President Kyprianou

The first round of the Cyprus Presidential elections was held on Sunday 13 February. President Kyprianou gained 56% of the popular vote, enough to defeat his two opponents, Mr Clerides and Mr Lyssarides, without the need for a second ballot.

Kyprianou has been President of the Republic of Cyprus since the death of Archbishop Makarios in 1977. He was re-elected unopposed in 1978. He has won his first opposed election by an impressive majority. This is due partly to the support he has gained from AKEL, the Greek Cypriot Communist Party, and partly to the inability of opponents to unite the forces opposed to him. The ease with which he has won the election should help him to keep AKEL at arms length in the future, while the inadequacy of the opposition should enable him to keep his freedom of action towards the UN sponsored dialogue between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

Good relations with President Kyprianou's Government are important to us because of the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus, which depend to a large extent for untroubled operation on Greek Cypriot goodwill. We also have a broader interest in the Cyprus problem in view of our status as a signatory of the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee.

We recommend that, in view of these interests, and the fact that President Kyprianou is a Commonwealth leader of some years standing, the Prime Minister should send a message of congratulations, as in the attached draft telegram.

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I have not been able to show this recommendation today to Mr Pym. I shall be doing so in tonight's box.

Yours ever,
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YOUR TELNO 20: CYPRUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

1. Please pass the following message to President Kyprianou from the Prime Minister: 'Congratulations on your re-election as President of the Republic of Cyprus. I send you and the people of Cyprus all best wishes for the future and look forward to a continuation of the present excellent relations between our two countries'.

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