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10 May, 1983

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS

Thank you for your letter of 9 May. The Prime Minister has approved the proposed message to President Kyprianou (subject to the deletion of the last five words). I should be grateful if you could arrange for its despatch.

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John Smith

/ The Prime Minister was due to see President Kyprianou of Cyprus on Tuesday, 17 May. I enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister to President Kyprianou regretting the necessity of changing plans. Good relations with the Cyprus Government are important to us because of our bases on the island. President Kyprianou's disappointment at not being able to call on the Prime Minister (when he would have spoken about the Cyprus problem following the UN debate this week) might best be tempered by suggesting a visit later in the year.

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

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