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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Sir,

Cyprus

/ I enclose a brief for President Kyprianou's call
/ on the Prime Minister tomorrow. I also enclose, as
requested in your letter of 15 November, a draft reply
to a message from the President which was
delivered by the Cyprus High Commissioner on 15 November.
You may feel that the reply could be handed over during
President Kyprianou's call. I am submitting the brief
and draft message in parallel to the Foreign Secretary
this evening, and will let you know first thing tomorrow
if he has any comments.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard
Motttram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield
(Cabinet Office).

Yours faithfully

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Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

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His Excellency Mr Spyros Kyprianou

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SUBJECT:

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Thank you for your letter of 15 November, which I received through your High Commissioner in London, about the purported declaration of independence by the Turkish Cypriots in northern Cyprus.

CAVEAT.....

As you will know, my Government deplore this action by the Turkish Cypriot community which we consider to be incompatible with the 1960 treaties. We have approached the President of the Security Council of the United Nations with a view to securing an early meeting and we have proposed consultations to both the Turkish and Greek Governments in accordance with the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee. We have also sent a message to President Evren urging him to help secure a reversal of the Turkish Cypriot declaration. It remains our position that we recognise only one Republic of Cyprus.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

Looking to the future, we shall continue our efforts to bring about a reversal of this declaration. But we would deeply regret if this action, unwelcome as it is, led to the breakdown of the intercommunal talks and

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consultations carried out by the Secretary General of the United Nations. We also trust that all concerned will avoid any action which could lead to a further deterioration of the situation in Cyprus.

I can assure you that we shall continue to work to this purpose and I hope that our two governments will remain in close touch during the coming weeks.