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Prime Minister <sup>h-a-</sup>

President Evren of  
Turkey has replied to  
y<sup>r</sup> message of  
15 November (attached).

From do nA feel  
that a reply is  
necessary.

Johny Clerk  
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I enclose a reply from President Evren of Turkey to the Prime Minister's message to him of 15 November. The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr Turkmen, handed this reply to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs when they met this morning.

The reply takes the line we would expect, and offers us no grounds for believing that the Turks will withdraw recognition of the self-proclaimed 'Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus', or use their influence to have the declaration of statehood reversed.

In the last paragraph President Evren refers to contact between Mr Turkmen and Sir Geoffrey Howe. Mr Turkmen told Sir Geoffrey Howe this morning that Turkey was prepared to take part in consultations of the three guarantor powers, provided the Greeks take part. The Greeks have told us that they can not agree to trilateral consultations involving Turkey. We are considering what the next move should be.

We do not consider that the message needs a reply.

*Yours*

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Private Secretary

*It is a  
well drafted  
overall reply  
out reply*

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