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*From the Private Secretary*

21 November 1983

Cyprus

You recommended earlier that when the President of Cyprus called on the Prime Minister last week Mrs. Thatcher might hand over her reply to his letter of 15 November.

In the event we decided that it would be better to wait until after the meeting. I now enclose a slightly revised version of the draft which has been signed by the Prime Minister. I should be grateful if you would arrange for its delivery.

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CYPRUS: TURKISH-CYPRIOIOT DECLARATION OF INDEPENDNCE

Thank you for your letter of 18 November giving your advice on how we should handle Mr. Denktash's letter of 15 November.

The Prime Minister has noted your view that we should not reply to Mr. Denktash's letter, in view of the implications for recognition. But she has commented that she does not see how we can influence him if we do not seek an occasion to put the facts right and to put over our own view. Would you kindly let me know what facilities we have for bringing our influence to bear directly on the Turkish-Cypriots.

A. J. COLES

Handwritten initials or signature.

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