



Prime Minister

If we reject Papandreu's request for a meeting, our negotiating task will not be easier.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Agree to a meeting on Cyprus?

P.R. has agreed.

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John S. ...

Possible Meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Papandreu at the European Council

You may have seen from Athens telegram No 711 (copy enclosed) that the Greek Prime Minister would like to have a private meeting on Cyprus with the Prime Minister in the margins of the European Council.

Following the meeting between Mr Papandreu and Mr Kyprianou in Athens, the Greek Government have once again confirmed their refusal to join with us and the Turkish Government in consultations under the Treaty of Guarantee. (They can agree only to bilateral UK/Greek and UK/Turkish consultations.) A meeting with Mr Papandreu would give the Prime Minister an opportunity to press him not to do anything to exacerbate the situation; and it would demonstrate our continuing concern and efforts to ensure that a settlement should be reached, despite the impossibility of arranging consultations in present circumstances.

It would in many ways be better to avoid a bilateral meeting on an issue unrelated to the budget negotiations. Papandreu is nevertheless likely to attach importance to a meeting on this subject. You may therefore consider that the choice lies between giving him a positive answer now, or agreeing to his request once you have arrived in Athens. On balance, you may consider it better to take a positive decision now.

I enclose a draft telegram which, if the Prime Minister agrees, could be despatched in the morning.

John S. ...

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MY TELEGRAM NO. 700: CYPRUS: GUARANTOR POWER CONSULTATIONS

1. THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING A ONE AND A HALF HOUR MEETING BETWEEN PAPANDREOU AND KYPRIANOU IN THE PRESENCE OF KARAMANLIS THERE WERE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GREEK AND GREEK CYPRIOT POSITIONS. WE CHECKED WITH THE CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSION, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THIS MEETING WAS LIKELY TO BE THE ONLY ONE BETWEEN KYPRIANOU AND PAPANDREOU. A FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS PLANNED.
2. I THEREFORE ASKED CAPSIS WHETHER HE COULD CONFIRM THAT THE GREEK POSITION ON GUARANTOR POWER CONSULTATIONS REMAINED AS IN HIS LETTER TO YOU. AFTER CONSULTING PAPANDREOU, CAPSIS HAS CONFIRMED THIS, ADDING THAT PAPANDREOU WOULD LIKE A PRIVATE MEETING ON CYPRUS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE MARGINS OF THE ATHENS COUNCIL. CAPSIS ALSO SAID THAT THE GREEKS MUCH APPRECIATED OUR CONTINUING INTEREST.
3. THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR US TO PUBLICISE THE GREEK AND TURKISH REPLIES TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR GUARANTOR POWER TALKS. BUT, IF AS I HOPE THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES TO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH

THIS, ADDING THAT PAPANDEOU WOULD LIKE A PRIVATE MEETING OR OFFERS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE MARGINS OF THE ATHENS COUNCIL. CAPSIS ALSO SAID THAT THE GREEKS MUCH APPRECIATED OUR CONTINUING INTEREST.

3. THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR US TO PUBLICISE THE GREEK AND TURKISH REPLIES TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR GUARANTOR POWER TALKS. BUT, IF AS I HOPE THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES TO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH PAPANDEOU, YOU MAY WISH TO DEFER PUBLICITY FOR THE TIME BEING. IF THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE TO SAY SOMETHING E.G. IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE TWO SIDES ARE CONTINUING.

4. THE RESPONSE TO PAPANDEOU'S APPROACH COULD WELL BE INCLUDED IN ANY LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE ATHENS COUNCIL (MY TELEGRAM NO. 710). THIS WOULD FURTHER UNDERLINE THE IMPLICATION THAT OUR ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS, PARTICULARLY IF THE GREEKS ARE STILL SEEKING OUR SUPPORT, SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PAPANDEOU DECIDES HOW TO HANDLE THE ATHENS COUNCIL.

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YOUR TELNO 711; CYPRUS

1. Please tell Capsis that the Prime Minister agrees to Papandreou's request for a private meeting on Cyprus in the margins of the Athens Council.

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ATTN JOHN COLES NUMBER 10 FOR PRIME MINISTER.

BEG YOU ASK PAPANDREOU TO CLEAR OUR TITLES AND PROTECT RESUMED
WORKING OF ESTATE.

MUCH GRATITUDE.

FRANCIS NOEL-BAKER.

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