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As you are aware, Mr. Papandreou suggested to the Prime Minister that, owing to the pressure of European Council business, they should not have the formal bilateral meeting which had been arranged for 5 December but should instead have a brief discussion of Cyprus in the course of the dinner for Heads of Government later that day.

The Prime Minister told us afterwards that the exchange had been very brief. She had asked Mr. Papandreou whether he had considered fully the impression which would be created if Greece were thought not to be willing to take part in tripartite consultations. Mr. Papandreou stated in reply that he had not yet taken a final decision about consultations and that he would be discussing the matter with President Kyprianou next week.

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