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From the Private Secretary

24 January 1985

CYPRUS: MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

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Thank you for your letter of 24 January enclosing draft messages from the Prime Minister to Prime Minister Ozal and President Kyprianou.

The Prime Minister has approved the two messages (with some minor amendments, which I enclose, to the first page of the first telegram) as well as the instructions to Washington. She has commented that the message to Kyprianou is pointless in itself, but accepts the tactical need to be able to say to the Turks that we are also taking action with the Greek Cypriots.

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*Dear Charles,*Cyprus: Messages from the Prime Minister

Following the talks which the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary had yesterday with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Sir Geoffrey Howe believes that it would be right to act on Sr Perez de Cuellar's advice and send messages quickly to the Turkish and Greek Cypriot Governments:

- (a) to seek to forestall any action by Denktash which might lead to the consolidation of the "TRNC" in northern Cyprus;
- (b) to encourage Kyprianou to a greater sense of realism.

The Foreign Secretary believes that the most effective level for such messages would be from the Prime Minister. The message to Ozal would be all the better received by the Turkish Government if they were told that the Prime Minister had also contacted President Kyprianou.

/ I enclose two draft telegrams which, subject to the Prime Minister's approval, might best be despatched to Ankara and Nicosia as soon as possible today. I also enclose / a draft telegram to Washington designed to make sure that we and the Americans do not get inadvertently out of step on this issue.

*Yours ever,**Len Appleyard*

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1. In conversation with the Prime Minister and me on 23 January, the UN Secretary General said he thought the greatest risk to his mission of good offices lay in actions by Denktash to try to consolidate the TRNC. He asked for the Prime Minister's assistance in dissuading Denktash and said that he would invite President Reagan's and Chancellor Kohl's cooperation along similar lines. The Prime Minister accepts that we should try to help. Please accordingly deliver the following personal message from the Prime Minister to Mr. Ozal:

BEGINS:

As you may know, the Secretary General of the UN, Senor Perez de Cuellar, has just paid a brief visit to London. I had a talk with him and discussed, among other things, the very grave situation which has developed in the talks which were taking

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2 place in New York under his auspices between the leaders of the two

3 communities in Cyprus. I am writing to you in the light of my

4 discussion with Senor Perez de Cuellar to let you know my thoughts.

5 I was very disappointed, as I am sure you were, that the

6 talks in New York did not reach a successful conclusion. I know

7 that your Government had done a great deal to encourage the

8 Turkish Cypriot side to work for a positive outcome to the talks

9 and I share the Secretary General's view that at his opening of

10 the talks the two sides in this tragic dispute had never been

11 closer, at any rate since 1974. I believe it would be a terrible

12 mistake to allow the ground which had been gained to be lost.

13 The Secretary General has assured me that he is determined

14 to continue his efforts to reach a conclusion acceptable to both

15 sides. I have warmly welcomed this. But I think that if there is

16 to be a chance of success, it will be very important in the

17 period immediately ahead to avoid a actions on either side that

18 would be regarded by the other as changing the status quo. I

19 hope very much that you will share this view and that you will

20 continue to encourage the Turkish Cypriot side to act

21 constructively. If this can be achieved, I think it may still

22 be possible to make progress towards more secure and more stable

23 arrangements in Cyprus on the basis of the Secretary General's

24 documentation. I believe that this would be in the best interests

25 of all the people of Cyprus.

26 Sir Geoffrey Howe is much looking forward to his visit to

27 Ankara next month, when he will have the opportunity to discuss

28 this question in greater detail with Mr Halefoglu. ENDS. *MS*

29 2. If asked, you may say that the Prime Minister has sent a

30 message to President Kyprianou to encourage a positive attitude

31 on his part also.

32 3. For UKMis New York. Please inform the Secretary General of

33 the gist of these instructions and those contained in my telegram

34 no to Nicosia.

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	13	1. Following discussions which the Prime Minister and I had
	14	with the United Nations Secretary General on 23 January, the
	15	Prime Minister has sent a personal message to Mr Ozal (my telno
	16	to Ankara). Kyprianou must bear a good share of the
	17	responsibility for the situation now reached and Ozal will in any
	18	case be likely to ask <u>what action we propose with the Cyprus</u>
	19	Government. Please therefore convey the following message to
	20	Kyprianou.
	21	BEGINS: I was very disappointed that it proved impossible to make
///	22	further progress at the high-level meeting in New York. Geoffrey
//	23	Howe and I saw the United Nations Secretary General yesterday
/	24	morning and I am glad to say that he showed every determination to
	25	continue his mission of good offices. There are great dangers

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 2 in the present situation which we must all try to avert.
 3 You will be thinking hard about how to proceed in these
 4 very difficult circumstances. To the extent that outside advice
 5 can be helpful, my own view remains that the most promising way
 6 of making progress in any resumed discussions will be to try in
 7 the early stages to establish the broadest possible area of
 8 agreement before moving on to the more difficult issues, but on
 9 the clear understanding that any points that can be firmly
 10 settled in this way must remain conditional on agreement by both
 11 sides to the ultimate package as a whole. ENDS.
 12 2. If asked, you may say that the Prime Minister is in touch
 13 with the Turkish Government.

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	11	MY TELEGRAMS AND TO NICOSIA AND ANKARA
	12	1. Please keep in close touch with the US Administration about
	13	this. You may tell the Americans of the action we are taking
	14	and give them the gist of the Prime Minister's messages. Please
	15	report their eventual response to the Secretary General's approach.
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