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From the Private Secretary

11 February 1985

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I enclose a copy of the Turkish Prime Minister's reply to the Prime Minister's message about the failure of the high-level talks on Cyprus. I assume that this was available to the Foreign Secretary before he left for Ankara: if not you will no doubt wish to telegraph it. I do not think a reply is called for.

(C.D. Powell)

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The Turkish Chargé d'Affaires a.i. presents his compliments to the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and has the honour to request that the enclosed text of a message by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Turgut Özal, to the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, may be forwarded to its high destination.

The Turkish Chargé d'Affaires a.i. avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs the assurance of his highest consideration.

London, 9th February 1985.



Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TEXT OF THE MESSAGE TO THE RT.HON. MARGARET THATCHER, MP,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, MR. TURGUT ÖZAL.

"Dear Prime Minister,

see PM's message
at flap

I share your disappointment over the failure of the summit meeting in New York on the Cyprus question. As a matter of fact, due to the intransigence of the Greek Cypriot side the meeting did not result in the conclusion of an agreement despite the constructive efforts and the maximum flexibility President Denktas has shown during the proximity negotiations that preceded the summit. President Denktas had gone to the New York summit with the expectation that an agreement would be concluded to pave the way to a just and lasting solution of the Cyprus problem. I believe that this was a legitimate expectation on the part of President Denktas, after five months of hard bargaining. I understand that the Greek Cypriot side tried to re-open negotiations virtually on all the points of the Secretary General's documentation presented as an integrated whole.

The New York experience points again to the fact that the Turkish Cypriot side alone can not secure the breakthrough for a negotiated settlement. The Turkish Cypriot side made the maximum possible effort while the Greek Cypriot side contested even agreed concepts and principles. As I already pointed out in my earlier message to you before the New York summit, my Government has done its utmost to encourage Mr. Denktas to show the maximum flexibility. This, he has done. It is clearly the Greek Cypriot side that should now be made aware of the adverse implications of their policies and tactics and convinced of the necessity to adopt a constructive attitude. I am sure you would appreciate the fact that the establishment of a climate of mutual confidence, as has always been emphasized by the U.N. Secretary General, is of paramount importance in the search for an agreed solution. For this reason, the Greek Cypriot side must understand that the tactic of pocketing what is offered and then asking for more, can not but lead to a further loss of trust on the part of the Turkish Cypriots towards their Greek counterparts.

We understand that the Turkish Cypriots are at present engaged in the process of assessing the situation. As for the decision of the Turkish Cypriots to address their internal political problems through usual democratic procedures, I am sure you will agree that this is an internal affair of the Turkish Cypriots and a part of the democratic way of life they have chosen for themselves.

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There is no doubt that a solution in Cyprus can only be achieved through negotiations between the two sides. President Denktas has not closed the door to further meetings with Mr. Kyprianou as and when the conditions justify such a meeting.

We continue to support the U.N. Secretary General's good offices mission and remain committed to a just and lasting settlement in Cyprus."

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