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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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TO IMMEDIATE ATHENS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 64 OF 18 MAY

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M.I.P.T. : SIGNATURE OF GREEK ACCESSION TREATY.

1. BEGINS:

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

I HAVE ASKED LORD CARRINGTON TO REPRESENT THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THE SIGNATURE ON 28 MAY OF THE TREATY OF ACCESSION BETWEEN GREECE AND THE E.E.C.. I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I CANNOT COME SO SOON AFTER FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ACCESSION OF GREECE TO THE E.E.C.. GREEK MEMBERSHIP WILL ENRICH THE COMMUNITY. IT WILL ALSO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
(SGD) MARGARET THATCHER

ENDS

CARRINGTON

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Greek Embassy

The Ambassador

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London

19 May 1979

Madam,

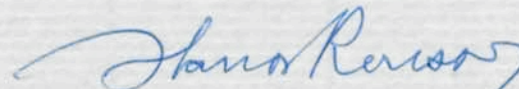
I have been instructed by my Prime Minister to convey to you the following message:

"My Dear Prime Minister,  
"I would like to thank you for your message as well  
"as for your congratulations on the occasion of my  
"country's accession to the EEC. 17.5.79  
"I fully understand the reasons which prevent you  
"from honouring with your presence this historic  
"day for my country. We will be very happy to receive  
"Lord Carrington whose presence will confirm the  
"traditional ties of friendship between our two  
"countries. The Greek people and their Government  
"hope that you will avail yourself of another  
"opportunity to visit Greece.  
"Yours sincerely,  
"Constantine Karamanlis"

I have the honour to be,

Madam,

Yours faithfully,



Stavros G. Roussos

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister  
for the Civil Service,

10 Downing Street,

London S.W.I.



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Greece

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*From the Private Secretary*

22 May 1979

Greek Accession to the EEC

I enclose a copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Prime Minister by the Greek Ambassador conveying the text of a reply from Mr. Karamanlis to the Prime Minister's message to him on the occasion of the signature of the Treaty of Accession between Greece and the EEC.

H. G. CARTLEDGE

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Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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*From the Private Secretary*

22 May 1979

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you for your letter of 19 May, in which you conveyed a message to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Constantine Karamanlis.

I am of course bringing Mr. Karamanlis' message to the Prime Minister's attention.

B. G. CARTLEDGE

His Excellency Monsieur Stavros G. Roussos.

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YOUR TELNO 119 (NOT TO ALL) AND TELECON MILES -- FITZHERBERT:  
SIGNATURE OF GREEK ACCESSION TREATY.

1. MIFT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO MR KARAMANLIS. THE ORIGINAL WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE GREEK  
EMBASSY. PLEASE REPORT BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM WHEN YOU HAVE  
OBTAINED CONFIRMATION THAT IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. WE INTEND TO  
MAKE THE MESSAGE PUBLIC HERE AND WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR  
DOING LIKEWISE ONCE IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED.

2. I SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FERGUSSON AND FRETWELL, ONE  
PRIVATE SECRETARY AND A DETECTIVE. LADY CARRINGTON WILL NOT REPEAT  
NOT BE GOING. DETAILS OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL FOLLOW.  
PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE A BILATERAL MEETING WITH RALLIS IF POSSIBLE  
ON THE AFTERNOON OF 28 MAY.

CARRINGTON

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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 May, 1979.

My dear Prime Minister,

I have asked Lord Carrington to represent the United Kingdom at the signature on 28 May of the Treaty of Accession between Greece and the E.E.C.. I am sure you will understand why I cannot come so soon after forming a new government. However, I should like to send warm congratulations on the accession of Greece to the E.E.C.. Greek membership will enrich the Community. It will also strengthen further the excellent relations which exist between our two countries.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) MARGARET THATCHER

His Excellency Mr. Constantine Karamanlis

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From the Private Secretary

17 May, 1979.

Dear Paul,

Greek Treaty of Accession with the E.E.C.

Thank you for your letter of 10 May about the signature, in Athens on 28 May, of the Treaty of Accession between Greece and the E.E.C..

The Prime Minister has seen your letter and agrees that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should represent the U.K. at the signing ceremony. The Prime Minister has also agreed to send a message to Mr. Karamanlis to mark the occasion. She has made a number of amendments to the draft which you enclosed with your letter, and I enclose the signed original of the final text. I should be grateful if you would arrange for this to be transmitted to Mr. Karamanlis at the appropriate time.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,  
Roger Cookson.

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*Prime Minister*

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 May 1979

*Agree that Lord Carrington should represent the UK and that you should send this message?*

Dear Bryan,

Greek Treaty of Accession with the EEC

The Treaty of Accession between Greece and the EEC is due to be signed in Athens on 28 May. President Giscard will attend representing France as current holder of the Community Presidency. No other Heads of State will be going but the Prime Ministers of Italy, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are expected to attend. Chancellor Schmidt is not going; and Germany, Ireland, Denmark and Belgium will be represented by their Foreign Ministers.

The Greek authorities have made it clear that they would welcome the attendance of the British Prime Minister. But Mrs Thatcher's absence is likely to be readily understood in Athens, given the short time between her taking of office and the signature ceremony. On the Community side the occasion is likely in any case to be dominated by President Giscard, the only Head of State going and, as representative of the Presidency, the Community spokesman on this occasion.

In the circumstances the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary does not recommend that the Prime Minister need attend and proposes that he should represent the UK. However, Lord Carrington considers that it would be desirable if Mrs Thatcher were to send a message to Mr Karamanlis about the general attitude of the new British Government towards Greece and her accession to the Community; a message welcoming Greek accession should help to set the right tone for the relationship. I enclose a suggested text.

Yours GBT

Paul

(P Lever)

*As amended to shorten  
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To:- Mr Constantine Karamanlis

From  
Prime Minister

Telephone No. Ext.

Department

## PRIVACY MARKING

..... In Confidence

I have asked Lord Carrington to represent the United Kingdom at the signature on 28 May of the Treaty of Accession between Greece and the EEC. I am sure you will understand ~~that it will not be possible for me to~~ <sup>why I cannot come</sup> participate myself so soon after forming ~~my~~ <sup>a new</sup> government. However, I should like to ~~take this opportunity to~~ <sup>send</sup> convey ~~to you, (on behalf of myself, my government and the people of Britain as a whole)~~ <sup>on the</sup> warm congratulations <sup>of Greece to the EEC.</sup> on the ~~successful completion of the~~ <sup>successful</sup> accession negotiations. Greek membership will enrich the Community. It will ~~also~~ <sup>also</sup> I believe, ~~help to~~ strengthen further the excellent ~~bilateral~~ relations which exist between our two countries.

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