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*Text mirrored (attached)*

*Return to C.F.*

*Prime Minister, approve text*

*as amended.*

*CA 31/12*

*Dear Mike,*

*C. Baldwin  
Duty Clerk 29/12.*

Greek Accession to the EC

I understand that the main Greek television channel (ERT) have this morning asked for a British contribution to a series of filmed messages from EC Heads of Government which they are recording to mark Greek accession to the Community.

Although it will be too late for the Prime Minister to record a special contribution personally, I understand that Greek television will be satisfied with a written statement.

I attach a draft statement from the Prime Minister for release by No. 10 Press Office.

*For me  
JGH*

(G G H Walden)  
Private Secretary

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GREEK ACCESSION TO THE EC: DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME  
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