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*Dear Charles,*

Prime Minister's Meeting with President Bush in Paris:  
Briefing on Cyprus

In your letter of 10 July, recording the Prime Minister's talks with President Vassiliou, you asked for briefing on Cyprus for her meeting with President Bush during the Bicentenary celebrations in Paris later this week. I am sending you separately a draft message from the Prime Minister to Mr Ozal.

The US and UK have common objectives in Cyprus. Like us, the Bush administration accept that Mr Vassiliou has honoured his commitment to meet Turkish Cypriot concerns on bizonality, political equality and security. Secretary of State Baker wrote to Mr Yilmaz in late June to urge the Turkish Government to press Mr Denktash to accept the proposals in the draft outline settlement at the Secretary-General's meeting with the two sides in New York on 28 June. The Turks deflected this pressure by claiming disingenuously that no draft outline existed.

The Prime Minister may wish to draw on the following points to President Bush:

- Clear from recent talks with Vassiliou that he has done all he can to make agreement on outline settlement possible. Says he could accept UN draft outline as basis for detailed negotiations.
- Onus now squarely on Denktash. He must also be brought to accept UN draft as basis for negotiation. We plan to send further message to Ozal in that sense. Lynda Chalker will also urge Turks to bring Denktash up to the mark when she visits Ankara later this month.
- Vassiliou keen that we should also address Evren as final arbiter of Turkey's Cyprus policy.

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- Open to you to send message to Evren, if you think it would tip scales. But we see no current differences over Cyprus policy between Ozal and Evren.
- Vassiliou also proposed that the President, Prime Minister and he should meet briefly in Paris. Mere fact of meeting would send signal to Turks, he says.
- We see no particular advantage in such a meeting. But would not object if the President thought it useful.

*Yours ever,*

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