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27 October 1983

Joe Shan

Visit of Prime Minister of Greece: 4 November

Following the Prime Minister's agreement to two hours of talks with Mr Papandreou on 4 November, starting with half an hour tête-à-tête, I would now like to take arrangements for the meeting a stage further. If you agree, we will propose the following agenda to the Greeks:

1. Bilateral Relations
2. European Community, in particular the preparation for the Athens summit
3. Defence and arms control, including INF, NATO and arms sales
4. East/West relations
5. Eastern Mediterranean, including Cyprus and Lebanon
6. Falklands

We would envisage most of the meeting being devoted to EC issues. In addition, under bilateral relations we will wish to raise the problem of British property in Greece. The Greeks will probably raise the Elgin Marbles. They have also said that they want to talk about economic and commercial cooperation. Under EC issues they will no doubt wish to discuss the Greek Memorandum and the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes. Items 3-6 can be dealt with fairly briefly.

We understand that Mr Papandreou will bring with him Mr Varfis, Greek Under-Secretary for Community Affairs. We do not yet know whether Mr Haralambopoulos, the Foreign Minister will come. Mr Papandreou would presumably also wish the Greek Ambassador, Mr Kyriazides, to be present. HM Ambassador Athens will be available to attend. Perhaps we could have a word about other UK participants a little closer to the event.

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We shall provide a steering brief together with individual briefs on the specific agenda items in due course.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

See

Robert Bone

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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~~Dr. P. S.~~



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With the compliments of

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THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

The French have already told
their press that Agouadon is
coming.

The attached draft is for use
this afternoon, subject to your

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VISIT OF GREEK PRIME MINISTER, 4 NOVEMBER

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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE AT 4.00pm, 26 OCTOBER

'Mr Andreas Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece, will pay a working visit to London on 4 November at the invitation of the Prime Minister'.

Background [May be used freely]

Programme

Mr Papandreou will have 2 hours of talks in the morning with the Prime Minister, who will then host a lunch in his honour. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs will be present at the talks. Mr Papandreou will not be seeing him separately.

Topics for discussion

Bilateral relations, EC issues and other topics of mutual interest. [If asked] Cyprus and Lebanon are likely topics.

Previous visits

Mr Papandreou visited UK in 1980 as leader of the opposition. Prime Minister visited Greece in 1980. Mr Haralambopoulos, Greek Foreign Minister, visited London in December 1982. Lord Belstead, Minister of State, FCO, visited Athens in January 1983 and Mr Capsis, Greek Deputy Foreign Minister, will visit London on 28 October. There are regular exchanges between other ministries.

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On 24/10.



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John [unclear]

Visit of the Greek Prime Minister

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As requested in your letter of 17 October, I enclose a draft guest list of 48 names for the Prime Minister's lunch for Mr Papandreou on 4 November.

We are pursuing separately the arrangements for the talks.

I am copying this to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

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SUGGESTED GUESTS FOR LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER
 NOVEMBER 1983 IN HONOUR OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason for Invitation</u> Hosts
Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP FRS and Mr Denis Thatcher		
HE Mr Andreas Papandreou	c/o Greek Embassy 1a Holland Park London W11 3TP (727 8040)	Prime Minister of Greece
Mr Ioannis Haralambopoulos		Foreign Minister of Greece [if he comes: not yet decided]
Mr Nikos Kyriazides, and Mrs Kyriazides	c/o Greek Embassy 1a Holland Park London W11 3TP (727 8040)	Greek Ambassador

HM Government

Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP and Mrs Heseltine	Ministry of Defence Main Building Whitehall, London SW1 (218 2113)	Secretary of State for Defence. Visited Greece in September. Mr Papandreou holds the Greek Defence Portfolio.
Rt Hon Norman Fowler MP and Mrs Fowler	Alexander Fleming House Elephant & Castle London SE1 6BY (407 5522)	Secretary of State for Social Services. Possible visit to Greece.
Mr Ian Stewart MP and Mrs Stewart	HM Treasury Parliament Street London SW1P 3AG (233 3608)	Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

Reserves

Rt Hon Lord Belstead	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Whitehall Place London SW1A 2HH (233 3750)	Minister of State. Visited Greece January 1983.
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Government Officials

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c/o Heads of Mission
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Commonwealth Office
(233 4473)

HM Ambassador, Athens.

Reserves

Sir Julian Bullard KCMG
and Lady Bullard

Foreign and Common-
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Deputy to the Permanent
Under-Secretary of State
and Political Director.

Dr D C Wilson and
Mrs Wilson

Foreign and Common-
wealth Office
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SW1
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Head of Southern
European Department.

Parliament

Rt Hon N Kinnock MP
and Mrs Kinnock

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London, SW1
(219 3000)

Leader of the
opposition.

Rt Hon David Steel MP
and Mrs Steel

House of Commons
London, SW1
(219 3000)

Leader of the Liberal
Party.

Sir B Braine MP DL

House of Commons
London, SW1
(219 3000)

Chairman, Anglo-Greek
Parliamentary Group.

Reserves

Rt Hon Roy Hattersley
and Mrs Hattersley

House of Commons
London, SW1
(219 3000)

Deputy Leader of
Labour Party.

Rt Hon Denis Healey MP
and Mrs Healey

House of Commons
London, SW1
(219 3000)

Labour spokesman on
foreign affairs, knows
Papandreou.

David Owen MP Owen	House of Commons London, SW1 (219 3000)	Leader of SDP, former Foreign Secretary.
J Pawsey MP and Mrs Pawsey	House of Commons London, SW1 (219 3000)	Secretary, Anglo-Greek Parliamentary Group.
Sir Frederick A Warner GCVO KCMG MEP (Con) and Lady Warner	33 Moreton Place London, SW1 (828 7531)	Interested in Greek affairs.
Rt Hon Mrs Barbara Castle MEP (Lab)	Hell Corner Farm Grays Lane Ibstone High Wycombe Bucks (049 163 464)	Met Papandreou on 1980 visit.
	or	
	European Parliament UK Office 2 Queen Anne's Gate London, SW1H 9AA (222 0411)	

Commerce and Industry

Rt Hon The Earl Jellicoe DSO MC PCand Lady Philippa Jellicoe	BOTB DOT 1 Victoria Street London, SW1H OET (215 5741)	Chairman, BOTB. Chairman, Anglo-Hellenic League.
Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo KCB and Lady Pepper Lygo	BAe 100 Pall Mall London, SW1 (930 1020)	Managing Director of British Aerospace plc.
Mr Harding Bassett and Mrs Audrey Bassett	International Consultancy Services British Gas Crpn 326 High Holborn (242 0789 X3437)	Director, trying to enter Greek market.
Mr R Leigh-Pemberton and Mrs Rosemary D Pemberton	The Bank of England 1 Threadneedle St London EC2 (601 4444 X4421)	The Governor of Bank of England.

las Henderson GCMG
Mary Henderson

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Director, Hambro's
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erves

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Member of European
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and Mrs Nanda

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Chairman, Overseas
Division. Very large
Greek subsidiary,
Hellas Can.

Mr Peter Usher OBE
and Mrs Pamela Usher

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UK Ltd
Fareham House
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Hants
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Managing Director.
Bidding for contract
for frigates.

Mr Peter Jamieson and
Mrs Carol Jamieson

EMI Records (UK)
EMI House
20 Manchester Square
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Managing Director.
Greek subsidiary is
largest manufacturer
of records and cassette
in Greece.

Sir James Cleminson MC DL
and Lady Helen Cleminson

Reckitt & Colman Ltd
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Chairman. Large
interests in Greece.

Media

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Robert Edwards Mrs Edwards	Sunday Mirror Holborn Circus EC1 (353 0246)	Editor	1
Mr Michael Molloy and Mrs Molloy	Daily Mirror Holborn Circus EC1 (353 0246)	Editor	
Mr Andrew Knight and Mrs Knight	The Economist 25 St James's St W1 (839 7000)	Editor	
Mr Peter Preston and Mrs Preston	The Guardian 119 Farringdon Rd EC1R 3ER (278 2332)	Editor	

Academia/Arts

Dr J K Campbell and Mrs Campbell	St Anthony's College Oxford OX2 6JF (0865 59657)	Greek historian, knows Papandreou.
Mr George B Richardson and Mrs Richardson	Oxford University Press Walton Street Oxford, OX2 6DP (0865 56767 X9)	Economist, knows Papandreou. Fellow of St John's College. Secretary to the Delegates and Chief Executive of OUP.
Professor Robert M Cook FBA	15 Wilberforce Rd Cambridge CB3 0EQ (0223 352863)	Archaeologist, Chairman Management Committee of British School at Athens.
Sir Peter R S Hall CBE and Lady Maria Hall	The National Theatre South Bank London SE1 (928 2033 X402)	Director, directed 'The Oresteia' at National Theatre at Epidaurus, Greece (and TV).
Ms Dilys Powell CBE	c/o Sunday Times New Printing House Sq Grays Inn Road (837 1234 X321) <u>or</u>	Author, book about Greece, and journalist.

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Professor of political
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international economics
Recently appointed to
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Archbishop of Canter-
bury. Visit to Greece
planned 1984.

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Distinguished soldier
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Biography of President
Karamanlis.

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Reserves

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Head of Greek
Orthodox Church in UK.
[Addressed as 'Your
Eminence'].

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Richards

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CSM European
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Chairman, Commonwealth
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Former Permanent
Under-Secretary of
State, FCO. Served
in Athens. Attended
40th Anniversary of
Battle of Crete in
1981.

Sir Steven Runciman
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Elshields
Lockerbie
Dumfriesshire
(038781 280)

Greek historian.
Chairman, Anglo-
Hellenic League
1951-67. Chairman,
National Trust for
Greece.



Le VP
c. M. Barclay

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 October 1983

VISIT OF MR. PAPANDREOU

We discussed the time available for talks.

I think you could tell the Greeks that if Mr. Papandreou is able to arrive by 1100, the Prime Minister would welcome an half-hour tête-à-tête before the extended talks at 1130. This would then give two hours in total for the talks, followed by lunch. I hope you can persuade the Greeks that this is sufficient, because it will be extremely difficult to extend the time further.

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

24 October 1983

Thank you for your letter of 21 October. The Prime Minister is content that no charges should be raised for Mr. Papandreou's use of two HS 125 aircraft for his visit to London.

I am copying this letter to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

A. J. COLES

Nick Evans, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
 Telephone 01-~~9307022~~ 218 2111/3

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21st October 1983

W. M.

Prime Minister

Content that we should fly Mr. Papandreou and his party to London with 2 x HS125 - free of charge?

A.J.C. 21/10

Dear JSM,

The Prime Minister will wish to be aware that, during Mr Heseltine's recent visit to Greece, it was suggested that we might offer Mr Papandreou the use of an RAF HS125 aircraft for his journey to London in early November. We have been trying for some time to interest the Greeks in a purchase of the HS125 and, if our offer was taken up, this would be a very useful way of demonstrating the qualities of the aircraft to them. Mr Heseltine therefore proposes to offer Mr Papandreou's office the use of two of these aircraft for their party. We shall aim to make use of the outward flights to take routine freight and passengers to Cyprus. If the Prime Minister is content no charges would be raised.

I am copying this letter to Roger Bone in the FCO.

Yours ever

Michael Gram

(N H R EVANS)

A J Coles Esq



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TO IMMEDIATE FCO.,
TELNO 567 OF 19 OCTOBER 1983.

MY TELEGRAM NO. 522: VISIT OF GREEK PRIME MINISTER TO LONDON

1. PAPANDREOU'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD SO FAR HEARD FROM KYRIAZIDES ONLY THAT ON 4 NOVEMBER THERE WOULD BE TALKS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH. I SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE FOR ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS. MAHAIRITSAS' RESPONSE WAS THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD THAT THE PERIOD WOULD BE SO SHORT. HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF TWO OR TWO AND A HALF HOURS, BUT SAID THAT PAPANDREOU WAS OF COURSE WAITING TO HEAR MRS THATCHER'S WISHES.
2. MAHAIRITSAS SAID THAT PAPANDREOU HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO FLY TO LONDON ON THE AFTERNOON OF 3 NOVEMBER OR THE MORNING OF 4 NOVEMBER. IF THE TALKS WERE TO BEGIN AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME OR LATER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE ON THE MORNING OF 4 NOVEMBER. OTHERWISE HE THOUGHT THAT PAPANDREOU WOULD PREFER TO FLY IN ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING.
3. MAHAIRITSAS AGAIN EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY PAPANDREOU TO HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO THE ATHENS EUROPEAN COUNCIL. HE SAID THAT PAPANDREOU REGARDED HER AS ONE OF THE KEY PERSONALITIES OF THE COMMUNITY.
4. MAHAIRITSAS SAID THAT PAPANDREOU WOULD WISH TO COVER WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS COMMUNITY SUBJECTS AND BILATERAL SUBJECTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT BY THE LATTER HE MEANT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. PAPANDREOU HAD IN MIND POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS.

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From the Private Secretary

17 October 1983

VISIT OF THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER

You told me that Mr. Papandreou had accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to talks and lunch on Friday, 4 November.

The Prime Minister envisages talks from 1130 until 1300 hours, followed by a lunch for 48 people. I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft guest list soon and for any suggestions which you may wish to make about the arrangements for the talks. I imagine that it will be useful to begin with a tete-a-tete (with notetakers on either side). Depending on whether Mr. Papandreou will be bringing his Foreign Minister, we should also consider whether Foreign Ministers should join the two principals at some stage and/or whether we should envisage a plenary session.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

B.R. ①
PRIME MINISTER

MR. PAPANDREOU

He has accepted your invitation to talks
and lunch on Friday, 4 November.

The best arrangement might be talks at
11.30 followed by lunch for 48.

Agree?

A. J. C.

*Yes
mb*

14 October 1983

Tessa : Islington engagement



B/F.

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David

Papandreu has accepted
the S.O.'s invitation to talk
and lunch on 4 November.
Pl. keep 11.30 until 16.00
free, pending agreement on
details.

A.S.C. - $\frac{13.}{10}$

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diary noted accordingly.



A & C. ¹⁴/₆₀
f.a.

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VISIT OF GREEK PRIME MINISTER TO LONDON

1. AS AGREED WITH THE ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY, I HAVE EXPLAINED TO MAHAIRITSAS THAT THE DATES PROPOSED BY PAPANDREOU ARE NOT CONVENIENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER SINCE THEY CLASH WITH THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. I SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COULD OFFER TALKS AND LUNCH ON 4 NOVEMBER.

2. MAHAIRITSAS TOLD ME YESTERDAY EVENING THAT 4 NOVEMBER SUITED PAPANDREOU. HE WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE ON THE EVENING OF 3 NOVEMBER. IF THE TALKS WERE TO BEGIN AT ABOUT 11 AM ON THE MORNING OF 4 NOVEMBER HE MIGHT FLY IN EARLY ON THAT MORNING. HE WOULD IN ANY CASE LEAVE AFTER LUNCH ON 4 NOVEMBER. KYRIAZIDES IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE WAS HERE ON 2 SEPTEMBER HE TOLD ME THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO OFFER TO BRING PAPANDREOU TO LONDON IN AN RAF EXECUTIVE JET (MY TELELETTER OF 6 SEPTEMBER TO JAMES, AUSS). THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE SINCE WE HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN TRYING TO PERSUADE THE GREEKS TO BUY THE LATEST VERSION OF THE B.A.E. 125. I HOPE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS OFFER AND, IF SO, THAT THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE THE MOST UP TO DATE VERSION. MR HESELTINE'S SUGGESTION WAS THAT THE FLIGHT COULD BE COMBINED WITH A FLIGHT TO AND FROM CYPRUS.

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~~Dr. P. B. S.~~

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Could we have a word?

Spoken.

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D. J. P. S.

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TELNO 487 OF 4 OCTOBER 1983

VISIT OF GREEK PRIME MINISTER TO LONDON

1. AS AGREED, I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MAHAIRITSAS, DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO PAPANDEOU, ABOUT DATES FOR THE LATTER'S PROPOSED VISIT TO LONDON. MAHAIRITSAS HAS JUST TOLD ME THAT PAPANDEOU IS VERY KEEN TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE THE ATHENS COUNCIL. HE PROPOSES 21, 22 OR 23 NOVEMBER (SEMICOLON) OR POSSIBLY THE MORNING OF 24 NOVEMBER WHEN HE HAS TO BE IN BRUSSELS TO DELIVER A SPEECH IN THE EVENING. MAHAIRITSAS ADDED THAT IF IT SUITED MRS THATCHER BETTER, PAPANDEOU COULD MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE ON 25 OR 26 NOVEMBER, THOUGH HE DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE WITH MRS THATCHER'S WEEKEND PLANS.

2. MAHAIRITSAS SAID THAT PAPANDEOU WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY MATTERS DURING HIS VISIT, BUT HE WOULD ALSO OF COURSE WISH TO COVERT M ANY BILATERAL QUESTIONS. MAHAIRITSAS ADDED THAT THE FIRTHCINMING VISIT F OF KAPSIS ON 28 OCTOBER WOULD ENABLE KAPSIS TO PREPARE THE GROUND A LITTLE.

3. I SAID THAT I WOULD PUT THE PROPOSED DFATES TO YOU AND WOULD LET MAHAIRIT SAS HAVE AN ANSWER AS SOON AS PCOIBLE.

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From the Private Secretary

2 September 1983

Thank you for your letter of 31 August about the possible visit of the Greek Prime Minister.

This is simply to confirm that the Prime Minister was content that Mr. Heseltine should speak to Mr. Papandreou in the terms set out in your letter.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

(TIM FLESHER)

R B Bone Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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31 August, 1983

Dear Tim,

Possible Visit of Greek Prime Minister

As you know, Mr Heseltine is visiting Greece from 1-2 September to promote the sale of Tornado to Greece. He will be seeing Mr Papandreou on 2 September.

We have been considering for some time the possibility of suggesting a meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Papandreou. They have not had a formal meeting since Mr Papandreou took office in October 1981. One nearly came about at the beginning of April, when Mr Papandreou was returning from a visit to Canada and planned to pass through London. In the event his plans changed. Following this, the Ambassador at Athens asked Mr Papandreou to let him know in advance if he planned to pass through London again, in case it proved possible to arrange a meeting with the Prime Minister.

It might however be useful if Mr Heseltine were to use this opportunity of his visit to Athens this week to go rather further and say to Mr Papandreou that the Prime Minister would welcome an opportunity for a talk in London with Mr Papandreou. This might possibly help secure a favourable decision on Tornado, but the main purpose would be to talk to the Greek Prime Minister about the current international agenda, particularly the items on which the Greek performance has been so erratic.

I have not had time this evening to consult the Secretary of State. Subject to any comments he has overnight, it would be helpful to know by Friday whether the Prime Minister agrees with this suggestion. An opportunity for a meeting might for example arise when Mr Papandreou passes through London on his way back from the United Nations General Assembly.

I am copying this letter to Nick Evans in the MOD.

*Yours
R B Bone*

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

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