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Dear Charles,

Cyprus: Prime Minister's Meeting with President Kyprianou

As foreshadowed in my letter of 15 June there were developments over the weekend that the Prime Minister will wish to be aware of before her meeting this afternoon with President Kyprianou.

The mandate for the UN force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) was extended for a further six months by unanimous vote in the Security Council on 15 June. The Turkish Cypriots have now put forward their new proposals in confidence to the UN Secretary-General. We have received a copy (UKMIS New York telegram number 630 - copy attached) from the Americans, but cannot reveal the extent of our knowledge to President Kyprianou who may not have learned of the contents of the proposals by the time he meets the Prime Minister.

The Turkish Cypriot proposals are largely a collation of previous proposals. They reiterate earlier proposals on Varosha: express willingness to co-operate with the Secretary-General and take part in a summit meeting with the Greek Cypriots: propose 'non-internationalisation' of the Cyprus problem: insist on equal partnership for the Turkish Cypriots: and suggest negotiations of the re-opening of Nicosia airport and the lifting of the Greek Cypriot economic embargo.

The Turkish Cypriots have almost certainly put forward these proposals under Turkish pressure, mainly for propaganda effect and to ease their relations with the US Congress. We recommend that the Prime Minister should take the following line:

'We have not seen details of proposals which the Turkish Cypriots have put forward. But we were struck by the more constructive tone of the Turkish Cypriot contribution to UNFICYP mandate renewal debate and heartened by the fact that the mandate was renewed without undue difficulty.

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Whatever motives Kyprianou believes/we hope that he will study them carefully, as we will. Kyprianou should take the high ground. To reject them out of hand would give Denktash the diplomatic advantage, make the Secretary-General's task more difficult, and also make it more difficult for us to exercise the sort of pressure we have been putting on the Turkish Government - to some effect'.



Sir John Thomson saw the UN Secretary-General on Friday evening. The Secretary-General said that he hoped that the Prime Minister would feel able to say to President Kyprianou that he was turning his personal attention to the Cyprus issue following his return from the Middle East and would be putting forward new ideas which deserved serious consideration without preconditions. He said that unless President Kyprianou came off the position that the reversal of UDI was a precondition for a resumption of intercommunal talks, the Greek Cypriot position would continue to be eroded. Point 4 of the Point to Make in the Prime Minister's brief reflects this point in more general terms, but the Prime Minister may wish to quote Perez de Cuellar more specifically.

*Yours ever,  
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