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From the Private Secretary

22 October 1984

LETTER FROM MR. PAPANDREOU



I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Papandreou. I should be grateful for advice and a draft reply.

CHARLES POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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The Ambassador

Greek Embassy London

PRIME MINISTER'S

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Dear Prime-Minister,

I have the honour to convey the following message from the Prime Minister of Greece.

" The Right Honourable
Margaret Thatcher M.P.,
Prime Minister
of Great Britain.

19 October 1984

Dear Prime Minister,

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Needless to say, Prime Minister, your own presence would also give me profound personal pleasure.

Andreas G. Papandreou

Nikos Kyriazides

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London S.W.I. THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE

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Sincerely Yours,

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