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2 January 1985

Dear David,

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Prime Minister
Agree to see him (yet again?)

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Request by the President of Cyprus to meet the Prime Minister

President Kyprianou has asked the High Commissioner in Nicosia to seek a meeting for him with the Prime Minister on 14 January. He will be travelling through London to New York for his meeting with Mr Denktash on 17 January as part of the UN Secretary-General's initiative on Cyprus.

Sir Geoffrey recommends that the Prime Minister should if at all possible agree to meet President Kyprianou. Following three rounds of proximity talks, the agreement on 10 December by both sides to take part in a high-level meeting was a considerable achievement. But the chances of success remain slim. Much will depend on President Kyprianou's attitude: he has been wrong-footed by Mr Denktash's acceptance in toto of the Secretary-General's draft agreement and apparently wishes to obtain more concessions. A meeting with the Prime Minister would enable us to give further support for the Secretary-General's efforts at a timely moment.

I understand that the Prime Minister's diary may allow a meeting at 4.30 pm on 14 January. I should be grateful if you would let me know the Prime Minister's view.

If the Prime Minister is willing to meet Kyprianou, Sir Geoffrey would also like to be present. Alternatively, he would naturally be prepared to see Kyprianou on his own and thus relieve the Prime Minister of the burden, which she has of course carried twice already in recent months.

Yours sincerely,
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From the Private Secretary

3 January 1985

REQUEST BY THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS TO MEET THE
PRIME MINISTER

BF | Thank you for your letter of 2 January about President Kyprianou's request to see the Prime Minister on 14 January.

The Prime Minister agrees to see him at 4.30 p.m. that day. She is grateful for the Foreign Secretary's offer to be present, which she accepts. I should be grateful if you could pass this on to the Cypriot High Commission here, as well as to our High Commission Nicosia, since the former have been pestering us about it.

Charles Powell

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