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PAPANDREOU'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER YOUR TEL NO 414

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PAPANDREOU FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:

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'DEAR PRIME MINISTER,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE CONCERNING THE RECENT BOMBING IN GLYFADA. I GREATLY APPRECIATED IT. OUR AMBASSADOR HAS REPORTED THE MANY GESTURES OF SYMPATHY AND KINDNESS WHICH THE GREEK PEOPLE SHOWED TO THE INJURED AND HOW WELL THE INJURED WERE LOOKED AFTER IN HOSPITAL. FOR ALL OF THAT I THANK YOU.

AS YOU KNOW, I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT ALL CIVILISED STATES MUST WORK TOGETHER AGAINST THE EVIL OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE WHICH THREATENS US ALL. I THEREFORE VERY MUCH WELCOME THE FACT THAT YOUR AUTHORITIES ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OUR EMBASSY OVER HOW WE CAN CO-OPERATE MORE CLOSELY. I PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE PLAN FOR MR TSOURAS TO VISIT LONDON LATER IN THE YEAR TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS IN DETAIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

I TOO LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG IN DECEMBER. I WARMLY RECIPROCATATE YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR

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BILATERAL RELATIONS. I ALSO BELIEVE THERE IS MUCH WE CAN ACHIEVE  
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*From the Private Secretary*

24 September 1985

**PAPANDREOU'S MESSAGE TO THE  
PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 23 September enclosing a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mr Papandreou's recent message.

*W* The Prime Minister is content with the terms of the proposed draft reply which may now be despatched.

C D POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
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23 September 1985

*Prime Minister  
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message to  
Papandreou?*

*Dear Charles,*

Papandreou's Message to the Prime Minister

*CDP 23/9*

I am enclosing, as requested in your telegram No 651 from Cairo a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Papandreou's message about Glyfada etc. It would be helpful if the Ambassador in Athens were instructed to deliver it.

This gesture by Papandreou is welcome if belated. It looks like a recognition on his part of the need to continue the fence mending he began with the Prime Minister in Milan.

We have already responded to the Glyfada bombing by seeking to strengthen our links with the Greek security service over anti-terrorist co-operation. They appear to be responding well. The Greek Minister responsible for public order (Tsouras) will we hope visit the UK later in the year to discuss anti-terrorist co-operation.

Papandreou's remarks about our bilateral and Community relations also appear to Sir Geoffrey Howe to merit a welcome. There will no doubt be many occasions when we need to remonstrate forcefully with the Greeks. But we feel equally inclined to accept an olive branch when proffered, so long as we take care in doing so not to make them think that the UK is moving towards the Greek position on EC and PoCo matters - where the divide between the two countries remains a wide one.

*Yours ever,  
Colin Budd*

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PAPANDREOU'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER; YOUR TEL NO 414

1. Please pass the following message to Papandreou from the Prime Minister:

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"Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your kind message concerning the recent bombing in Glyfada. I greatly appreciated it. Our Ambassador has reported the many gestures of sympathy and kindness which the Greek people showed to the injured and how well the injured were looked after in hospital. For all of that I thank you.

As you know, I firmly believe that all civilised states must work together against the evil of terrorist violence which threatens us all. I therefore very much welcome the fact that your authorities are in close contact with our Embassy over how we can co-operate more closely. I particularly welcome the plan for Mr Tsouras to visit London later in the year to discuss these matters in detail at ministerial level.

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I too look forward to our meeting in Luxembourg in December. I warmly reciprocate your comments about the importance of our bilateral relations. I also believe there is much we can achieve together within the Community and Alliance."

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