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From the Private Secretary

3 March 1986

**REQUEST BY THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS
TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 3 March
conveying the Foreign Secretary's recommendation
that the Prime Minister should see President
Kyprianou in early April.

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// The Prime Minister agrees to see him
at 1600 on 7 April for forty-five minutes.

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Prime Minister

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I'm afraid that you really
ought to do this, following
your meeting with Ozal.

Peres de Geller would like

Dear Charles,

Agree to see President
Kyprianou?

Request by the President of Cyprus to meet the Prime Minister

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President Kyprianou has asked the Cyprus High Commissioner in London to seek a meeting for him with the Prime Minister. The President will be in London between 4-8 April and would be free at any time during this period which suited the Prime Minister. He wishes to discuss the Cyprus problem.

... You said in your letter to me of 17 December (copy enclosed) that the Prime Minister saw no advantage in an early meeting with President Kyprianou though, if he came, she agreed that she would inevitably have to see him. Sir Geoffrey Howe recommends with some reluctance that the Prime Minister should do so on this occasion if at all possible. The Secretary-General's initiative is at a critical stage. Both sides have adopted harder positions and the Secretary-General's standing with them is low. It is important for our considerable interests in Cyprus to do what we can to keep the initiative alive. The Prime Minister has already spoken to Ozal. The Secretary-General has identified Papandreou and Kyprianou as the points where pressure is now needed.

The Secretary of State's visit to Athens (20-21 March) will provide an excellent opportunity for us to talk to the Greeks. The timing of the proposed meeting between the Prime Minister and President Kyprianou would fit in well with this. It is also likely to coincide with the presentation of the Secretary-General's third set of documentation. President Kyprianou appears to have lost sight of his fundamental predicament: if he does not settle now he is unlikely ever to obtain better terms. The result will be eventual permanent partition of the island. The Prime Minister spoke to him forcibly in March last year and, as a result, he accepted the second set of documentation. The Foreign Secretary realises that this is not a particularly attractive chore, but she may again be the only one able to get him to see sense.

Yours ever,

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From the Private Secretary

17 December 1985

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Mr. Gaby Mr. Birch Mr. G.
Mr. Weston Planning

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Dear Len,

nle. PRIME MINISTER'S INVOLVEMENT WITH FOREIGN VISITORS

Thank you for your letter of 16 December with which you enclosed a list of foreign visitors in the first seven months of next year whose visits may call for the Prime Minister's involvement.

I confirm that the Prime Minister would not want to see or be involved with the visits of the Foreign Ministers of Syria, Algeria, Poland or Czechoslovakia. In addition, she would not, on reflection, wish to be involved with the visit of the Soviet Minister of Agriculture. Nor would she wish to see the Governing Mayor of Berlin. She has already seen the present Mayor on one occasion and it was a singularly fruitless meeting.

✓ The Prime Minister remains reluctant to see us stimulate a visit by President Diouf of Senegal, though would see him if he were passing through London in any event. She sees no advantage in an early meeting with President Kyprianou and would not wish us to encourage him to pay a visit in the next few months (though again if he comes she will inevitably have to see him).

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES POWELL

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