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Nicosia, 21st April, 1986.

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message of the 14th April 1986. I greatly value your personal interest in the problems of Cyprus.

After lengthy consultations with all political parties in Cyprus unanimity was reached on a response to the draft framework agreement presented by the Secretary-General. Although anxious to make rapid progress towards an overall settlement of the Cyprus problem, we believe that even conditional acceptance of those proposals would have irreparably prejudiced our position.

Nonetheless, precisely because we are firmly committed as a matter of urgency to a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem, we have proposed two alternative procedures. If there is a sincere desire for a solution either procedure would make possible the resolution of the basic outstanding issues of troop and settler withdrawals, of guarantees and the application of the three freedoms. We believe that progress can be made towards an overall settlement only if these basic issues are settled as a matter of priority, since agreement on such issues will crucially affect what is acceptable on the other issues.

We shall remain in close touch with the Secretary-General on our proposal. We hope that the Turkish side will be persuaded to raise no objections to this constructive proposal which offers the best chance at this stage for breaking the deadlock. I should like to hope that you will remain willing to help us in our effort to make rapid progress towards resolution of these important issues.

Yours sincerely,

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