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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Vean Francis.

Thank you for your further letter about Cyprus.

The Secretary General is determined to pursue his initiative despite the difficulties involved and I shall be discussing the way ahead with him later this week. I do not believe that recognition of the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" would be helpful. It would merely deepen the divide in Cyprus; and it would certainly spell the end of the Secretary-General's efforts.

Coureva Payaux

The Hon. Francis Noel-Baker.

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