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Dear Mike,

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Visit of Mr Rauf Denktash, "President" of the
"Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus ("TRNC")
27 October - 4 November

Colin Budd wrote to you on 12 November last year about the visit of the "President" of the "TRNC", suggesting that Private Secretaries warn their Ministers not to accept invitations that might involve meeting Mr Denktash. I enclose a copy for ease of reference.

We have just been told that Mr Denktash, who is making a private visit to the UK at present, will also be attending some social engagements during his stay, including a lunch given by MPS at the House on 29 October and the Turkish National Day reception on the same day. I should be grateful if you could advise your Ministers again not to accept invitations which might involve meeting Mr Denktash.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell at No 10 and to Private Secretaries to Ministers in Whitehall Departments.

Yours sincerely,
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Private Secretary

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12 November 1986

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Dear Joan,

Meeting at House of Commons Between
Sir Frederick Bennett MP & Mr Denktash

The Leader of the Turkish Cypriot community in Cyprus, Rauf Denktash, is visiting London from 16-17 November. Ministers in your Department may receive invitations from Sir Frederick Bennett MP to the House of Commons on 24 November for a meeting with Denktash, who is apparently described on the invitations as "President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus". As you know, we do not accept Denktash's claim to be "President" of a separate state in Cyprus; nor does any other country apart from Turkey.

The Greeks and Greek Cypriots are objecting strongly both to the fact of the Sir Frederick Bennett meeting, and in particular to the wording of the invitations. We have made clear to them that Sir Frederick Bennett is perfectly entitled to hold a meeting at the House of Commons with Denktash, and that this has no implications for HMG's policy, which is not to recognise the "TRNC". However, the Foreign Secretary believes it would be wise on this occasion entirely to disassociate HMG from the meeting and I should be grateful if you would advise your Ministers not to accept this invitation or any other which might involve a British Government Minister meeting Denktash during his visit.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell (No 10) and to all Private Secretaries to Ministers in Whitehall Departments.

Yours Sincerely,
Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

Miss Joan MacNaughton
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