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From the Private Secretary

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I have seen Athens telegram no. 91 about a possible visit to London by President Vassiliou before the Prime Minister's visit to Turkey. I have also seen the comment from Nicosia. I am sure the Prime Minister would be ready to see President Vassiliou at some point but would welcome the Foreign Secretary's advice on whether it should be before or after her visit to Turkey.

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VASSILIOU'S VISIT TO ATHENS: TELECON MYSELF/MR WILBERFORCE

1. AT A RECEPTION ON 14 MARCH, VASSILIOU ASKED ME TO REPORT THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO VISIT LONDON TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE HER VISIT TO ANKARA. HE SAID HE COULD MANAGE ANY DAY THAT SUITED MRS THATCHER, EXCEPT FOR 30 AND 31 MARCH, WHEN WILKINSON WOULD BE HAVING TALKS WITH HIM IN NICOSIA.

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