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From the Private Secretary

24 March 1988

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS

Thank you for your letter of 22 March about the arrangements for President Vassiliou's visit.

The Prime Minister has now agreed to give him a working lunch and can make available the period 1250-1430 on 31 March. We envisage three a side (Prime Minister/President, two Foreign Secretaries plus two). But if John Wilberforce were to attend, that would be four on ours, which we can claim as the prerogative of the home side.

I have mentioned this revised plan to the Cyprus High Commissioner.

(C. D. POWELL)

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF PRESIDENT VASSILIOU OF CYPRUS

President Vassiliou of Cyprus is coming to see you on Maundy Thursday at 2.30 p.m. At present, he is simply coming for talks, but you may feel that you would like to offer him lunch.

I know that you need to see Margaret King before Easter, and we have tentatively arranged for her to come in at lunch-time on Maundy Thursday. However, if you did want to give President Vassiliou lunch, ^{and the talks} this could be over by 2.30 p.m., and Mrs. King could come in then.

Would you like to offer President Vassiliou a lunch or not?

Yes no

~~Leave arrangements at~~

~~Her. Asst. Pres.~~

Tessa

Tessa Gaisman

23 March 1988

Charles

Have pencilled this in
the diary: 1245 for
1300. - 1430. And with
the Sue Goodchild.

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Don Charles

Visit of the President of Cyprus

Thank you for your letter of 18 March.

Vassiliou has now said that he is happy to come to London on 31 March. He quite understands that it will be impossible for the Prime Minister to offer hospitality on this occasion. The Foreign Secretary will offer him a working lunch before the call at Number 10.

I understand that the Prime Minister can see Vassiliou from either 2.30 or 3.00 pm for an hour. Perhaps you would confirm in due course which it is to be.

Vassiliou has asked if Foreign Minister Iacovou may attend the meeting. Since Iacovou was present during most of the Prime Minister's meetings with former President Kyprianou, the Foreign Secretary supports this request.

The Foreign Secretary would recommend that our High Commissioner in Nicosia, John Wilberforce, should be present. He has worked hard over the last nine months to cultivate Vassiliou and, although he leaves Nicosia on retirement at the end of June, his attendance at the meeting would help him to retain his influence with Vassiliou during the next few crucial weeks.

Yours truly

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