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Dear Charles,

Cyprus

When Mrs Chalker debriefed Gerald Kaufman this afternoon (30 March) on his visit to Cyprus in the middle of the month, he said that policy towards Cyprus was bi-partisan. He would therefore hope that before she began her visit to Turkey, the Prime Minister might be aware of his view that there could be no forward movement over Cyprus unless the Turks forced Denktash into concessions. Without such pressure, Denktash would remain totally rigid and meetings between him and Vassiliou (whom Mr Kaufman described as "sharp, bright and flexible") would be fruitless. The key to progress was in Ankara.

The Foreign Secretary believes the Prime Minister might wish to be aware of Mr Kaufman's comments before she sees President Vassiliou.

However, high rates

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