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Dear Charles

Message to the Prime Minister from  
President Vassiliou of Cyprus

I enclose the signed original of President Vassiliou's personal message to the Prime Minister of 3 May, which was reported in Nicosia telno 163 (copied to you on 9 May).

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MY TELNO 141: VASSILIOU'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

1. WE RECEIVED ON 9 MAY VASSILIOU'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER,  
DATED 3 MAY. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT:

BEGINS: I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HOW PLEASED  
I AM TO HAVE MET WITH YOU IN LONDON AND HAD A VERY THOROUGH  
AND USEFUL DISCUSSION ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, ONE OF THE GUARANTOR POWERS WITH  
WHOM CYPRUS ENJOYS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, IS ALWAYS OF  
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO US.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER ON YOUR MEETING WITH MR OZAL,  
IN ANKARA ON 7 APRIL. I APPRECIATE PARTICULARLY YOUR KINDNESS  
IN TRANSMITTING TO MR OZAL SOME OF MY THOUGHTS AS I EXPRESSED  
THEM TO YOU DURING OUR MEETING IN LONDON, AS WELL AS THE  
REFERENCES TO CYPRUS IN THE RELEVANT STATEMENTS DURING YOUR  
VISIT.

THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM YOU HAD WITH MR OZAL  
WERE QUITE USEFUL. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AND  
YOU PERSONALLY, MADAME PRIME MINISTER, WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW  
THE SAME INTEREST IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM TO PURSUE THE EFFORTS  
WHICH CANNOT BUT CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO OUR SEARCH FOR  
A JUST SOLUTION.

I WISH TO REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO START THE SOONEST  
POSSIBLE A SUBSTANTIAL AND INTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITHOUT PRE-  
CONDITIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL, WITH A VIEW TO FINDING  
A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

IN THANKING YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE AND FOR  
YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN OUR PROBLEM, I ASSURE YOU ONCE AGAIN

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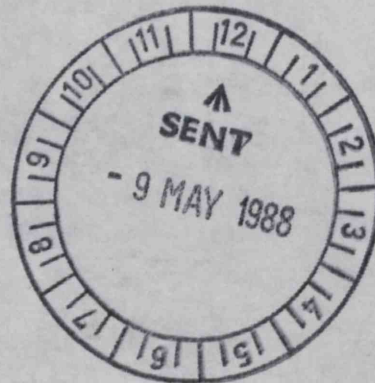
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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T618/88.

Nicosia, 3rd May, 1988.

The Rt. Honourable  
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,  
10, Downing Street,  
London.

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how pleased I am to have met with you in London and had a very thorough and useful discussion on the Cyprus problem.

I wish to assure you that an exchange of views with the Government of the United Kingdom, one of the guarantor powers with whom Cyprus enjoys a special relationship, is always of particular importance to us.

I thank you for your letter on your meeting with Mr. Ozal, in Ankara on 7 April. I appreciate particularly your kindness in transmitting to Mr. Ozal some of my thoughts as I expressed them to you during our meeting in London, as well as the references to Cyprus in the relevant statements during your visit.

The discussions on the Cyprus problem you had with Mr. Ozal were quite useful. I am confident that your Government and you personally, Madame Prime Minister, will continue to show the same interest in the Cyprus problem to pursue the efforts which cannot but contribute substantially to our search for a just solution.

I wish to reiterate our willingness to start the soonest possible a substantial and intensive dialogue without preconditions under the auspices of the mission of good offices of the United Nations Secretary-General, with a view to finding a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem.

In thanking you once again for your kind message and for your personal interest in our problem, I assure you once again of our fervent desire for a speedy solution of the Cyprus problem.

Sincerely yours  
George Vassiliou

(George Vassiliou)

President of the Republic of Cyprus.