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Dear Charles,

Cyprus: Possible Message to Mr Ozal

At the UN Secretary-General's request, the Prime Minister sent a personal message to the Turkish Prime Minister on 23 May (copy enclosed) urging him to contact Mr Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, and do everything possible to persuade him to accept Mr Perez de Cuellar's latest proposals.

In the meantime, President Vassiliou has accepted the proposals as they stand. But Mr Denktash, while accepting the invitation to the Geneva meeting, has so far been unwilling to swallow the essence of the proposals, namely that the meeting should lead immediately to substantive negotiations towards a settlement of the Cyprus problem against a one-year target date. He has raised difficulties over the draft texts which the Secretary-General has proposed both leaders should accept before the meeting. The first is a draft public statement, to be issued following the Geneva meeting, in which the two leaders would commit themselves to the negotiating process on the basis of guidelines agreed between Mr Denktash and Greek Cypriot Presidents in 1977 and 1979. Apart from his reluctance to commit himself in advance of his meeting with President Vassiliou to the resumption of substantive negotiations, Mr Denktash's other quarrel with the draft is that it omits reference to the Secretary-General's March 1986 framework proposals (which the Turkish Cypriots accepted, but the Greek Cypriots did not). The second text is a draft statement of the modalities of the negotiations. Mr Denktash would prefer the Geneva meeting merely to discuss the possibility of resuming negotiations.

Mr Denktash spoke in this sense at his latest meeting with Mr Perez de Cuellar's Special Representative, Mr Camilion, in Nicosia on 27 June. He was careful not to close the door on the proposals. But it is not clear how the Secretary-General will react to

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Mr Denktash's invitation to him to propose a new draft document. For his part, President Vassiliou might well, under pressure from other political parties, feel obliged to refuse to accept amendments to texts which he has already accepted, simply to accommodate Mr Denktash.

There is evidence (although not entirely substantiated) that the Foreign Minister, Mr Yilmaz, urged Mr Denktash during a visit to Cyprus last week to accept the Secretary-General's invitation and not to insist on a reference to the March 1986 document. But, if true, this approach has not yet worked. Mr Denktash's talks in Turkey next week (4-6 July) could well be crucial in tipping the balance one way or the other. Although his aim will be to continue to avoid entering negotiations if he possibly can, he might find it difficult to resist pressure in face-to-face talks with Mr Ozal, who might have economic and "TRNC" recognition levers to pull, particularly if Mr Ozal can persuade President Evren against taking a position on this issue.

The Foreign Secretary believes that we should put maximum pressure on the Turks in the next few days in an effort to bring Mr Denktash into line. He feels this would best be done at the highest level; and therefore recommends that the Prime Minister should send a further personal message to Mr Ozal to follow up that of 23 May. If the Prime Minister agrees with this approach, she may wish to consider a message on the lines of the attached draft. This could be telegraphed to Ankara before the weekend to enable the Embassy to arrange for Mr Daunt to see Mr Ozal on his return to Ankara from Istanbul on 3 July.

Yours ever

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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR. OZAL

I have had a very full talk this morning with Senor Peres de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary General. He has given me an account of his latest proposals on Cyprus involving a meeting between President Vasiliou and Mr. Denktash under his auspices in early July, leading on to a resumption of negotiations for an overall settlement. My understanding from the Secretary General is that President Vasiliou has accepted these proposals in principle but that he is still waiting to hear from Mr. Denktash. He believes that it is vitally important that Mr. Denktash should also signify his acceptance, otherwise a real possibility to restart the process of negotiation will be lost.

I understand that contacts are taking place today with Mr. Denktash. I hope very much that he will agree to the proposed meeting and the commitment to restart negotiations (despite the background of the recent unfortunate incident involving his people and UNFICYP - although not the Greek Cypriot community). It will be an opportunity to establish that the Greek Cypriots are indeed genuinely interested in a settlement. In the spirit of our talks in Ankara, may I urge you to contact Mr. Denktash and do everything possible to persuade him to accept the Secretary General's proposals.

C.D.P

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DRAFT MESSAGE

Since my message to you of 23 May, Senor Perez de Cuellar, ~~the United Nations Secretary-General,~~ has continued to keep me informed of his ^{attempt} ~~progress~~ ^{to} towards securing an early resumption of inter-communal negotiations on the problem of Cyprus.

~~It~~ ^{it} was encouraged to see that President Vassiliou ^{has} demonstrated again the flexibility in his approach to solving the problem by announcing on 18 June that he accepted the Secretary-General's proposals as they stand. ^{by} I hope that President Vassiliou's willingness to abandon ^{by} previous Greek Cypriot pre-conditions for negotiations between the two sides will be matched by a similar degree of flexibility on the part of of Mr Denktash.

Pls show volume flexibility,

Enclosures flag(s)

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However, I understand that, while accepting the Secretary-General's invitation to the proposed meeting in

Geneva, Mr Denktash remains unwilling to commit himself to negotiations on the lines proposed by Senor Perez de Cuellar, and is raising procedural difficulties. I

myself see little advantage in a "social" meeting of the kind Mr Denktash appears to be proposing. The pressing need is for the two sides to start real negotiations. I

would have little value

do urge you, Mr Prime Minister, to use your influence with Mr Denktash when he visits Turkey next week, to persuade him that insistence on pre-conditions from the Turkish Cypriot side could put a major road-block in the way of the search for the settlement in Cyprus which we all, including Mr Denktash, wish to see achieved.

I hope you are fully referred. from the



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Secretary-General's proposals as to

