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*From the Private Secretary*

30 June 1988

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I enclose a message from the Prime Minister to Mr. Ozal asking him to intervene with Mr. Denktash to accept the UN Secretary General's proposals for a start to negotiations on Cyprus. I should be grateful if the text could be telegraphed to Ankara for delivery as soon as possible.

Charles Powell

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE



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THE PRIME MINISTER

30 June 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

Since my message to you of 23 May, Senor Perez de Cuellar has continued to keep me informed of his attempt to secure an early resumption of inter-communal negotiations on the problem of Cyprus.

It is encouraging that President Vassiliou has accepted the Secretary-General's proposals as they stand. This shows welcome flexibility, by abandoning previous Greek Cypriot pre-conditions for negotiations between the two sides.

However I am perturbed 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. A "social" meeting of the kind Mr. Denktash appears to have in mind would have little value. The pressing need is for the two sides to start real negotiations. I very much hope that you will feel able to use your influence with Mr. Denktash when he visits Turkey next week, to persuade him not to insist on pre-conditions from the Turkish Cypriot side. Otherwise he will appear responsible for erecting 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 do hope you are fully recovered and send you warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Turgut Ozal

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