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Dear Charles,

Cyprus: Possible message to President Vassiliou

Following my letter of 7 July, and as reported in Nicosia telegram no 280 (copy enclosed), the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus has now said it would be helpful if we encouraged President Vassiliou urgently not to be too pedantic about the amendments in the draft text which Mr Denktash has proposed and to maintain his agreement to the meeting.

The Foreign Secretary believes that such encouragement is indeed desirable. He recommends that this should be at the highest level and proposes that the Prime Minister should send a personal message to President Vassiliou on the lines of the enclosed draft. If the Prime Minister agrees, we should aim to telegraph the text to Nicosia before the weekend.

Yours ever,

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HE Mr. George Vassilios

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SUBJECT: *Dear Mr. President*

DRAFT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT VASSILIOU

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CAVEAT

I have been following very closely Senor Perez de Cuellar's efforts to bring about an early meeting between you and Mr Denktash under his auspices. I have sent two personal messages to Mr Ozal to encourage him to persuade Mr Denktash to respond positively to the Secretary-General's proposals, ~~and~~ ^{that} I am gratified that he seems to have done so and Mr Denktash has agreed to the Secretary-General's proposals (albeit, with a qualification about the documents which should be mentioned in the Secretary-General's draft texts).

I admire and applaud your willingness to co-operate with Senor Perez de Cuellar, to bring nearer the settlement in Cyprus which we all want to see. His latest proposals have my backing. The overriding objective now must, in my view, be to get an inter-communal dialogue started at the earliest possible date. I am sure that, with that end in view, you will continue to approach the issue with the flexibility which you have demonstrated since the outset of your Presidency.

With warm regards.

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