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From the Private Secretary

8 July 1988

Dear Lyn.

CYPRUS: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT VASSILIOU

Thank you for your letter of 8 July proposing that the Prime Minister send a message to President Vassiliou about the United Nations Secretary-General's initiative to bring him and Mr Denktash together. The Prime Minister has signed the message and I enclose a copy with this letter. The original follows.

I have the impression that we are becoming rather extravagant with messages from the Prime Minister about the Cyprus problem. I recognise the importance of getting the process of inter-communal discussion started but there must be a risk of debasing the coinage of Prime Ministerial messages by sending too many in the early stages of what is bound to be a long haul.

Yours sincerely
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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

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. I am gratified that he seems to have done so and that 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,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. George Vassiliou

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