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## Cyprus: Message from President Vassiliou

I enclose the signed original of President Vassiliou's letter of 26 July to the Prime Minister, in response to hers of 8 July, which the High Commissioner in Nicosia has sent on. The text was conveyed to us earlier in Nicosia telno 309 to the FCO, of which you received a copy at the time.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

## PRIME MINISTER'S

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Nicosia, 26th July, 1988.

Dear Prime Minister

I have received your letter of 8th July and I would like to express grateful thanks for the vivid interest you have taken in the latest initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in promoting a dialogue for the solution of the Cyprus problem.

I also express deep appreciation for your efforts with the Turkish Prime Minister for the resumption of the dialogue and for the Cyprus question in general.

As you already know, the meeting with Mr. Rauf Denktash has been set for the 24th of August, 1988, at the United Nations in New York. We, on our part, will go to the meeting with all good will and in an open and positive spirit.

I am sure that you will continue your efforts to influence the Turkish side towards the proper direction, so that this unique opportunity will not be lost.

With warmest regards,

The Rt. Honourable

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,

Prime Minister

of the United Kingdom

of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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