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From the Private Secretary

26 August 1988

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MR. PAPANDREOU

The Prime Minister has signed the message to Mr. Papandreou of which I enclose a copy. We shall arrange to deliver it to him this morning, together with flowers, as soon as you let us know where and when the delivery should be made. As you will see, the message leaves open the possibility of a meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr. Papandreou late next week. There is no need to do anything further to stimulate this. It is now up to the Greeks to approach us with a firm proposal.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 August 1988

Vea Primi Minister.

I was very sorry to hear that you are in hospital and hope you will let me know if there is any way in which we can be of help during your stay or if you feel like a talk later on. Meanwhile, please accept my very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

> Kind regards. Lomo sirenty
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> augants Lather

His Excellency Mr. Andreas Papandreou

PRIME MINISTER

MR PAPANDREOU

You should be aware that Mr Papandreou is travelling incognito to London this afternoon to enter St Thomas's Hospital. He went into a Greek hospital for a check-up yesterday and, as a result, appears to require treatment for a heart condition which is best undertaken at St Thomas's Hospital. No announcement is being made about his journey here but the Greeks expect the news to become public by this evening or tomorrow morning.

We are arranging for Mr Papandreou to be met and given proper security protection. You might like to send some flowers and a message. I attach one for your signature.

My understanding is that Mr Papandreou's condition is not particularly serious and he is likely to leave St Thomas's Hospital towards the end of next week. I am sure that he would be very flattered if you were able to find a half hour for him in the latter part of next week, either at No 10 or, at the hospital. This might be a worthwhile investment of time given that Greece holds the Presidency of the EEC. Would you be ready in principle to do this, subject to his medical condition at the time?

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25 August 1988

Mr Charles Powell Private Secretary 10 Downing Street

Dear Chares

- / You will have seen Athens telno 378 (copy attached) concerning the Greek Prime Minister's visit to London today for medical reasons. We are organizing security, a VIP lounge, and an official car.
- / The Prime Minister may wish to send a message. I enclose a draft text. This should be delivered to the Grosvenor House Hotel, where the party is staying under the name of Louvaris. Papandreon should be installed at the hotel by about 1700 hrs. It would be wise not to make the delivery before that.

You asked whether flowers would be appropriate. We see no difficulty over this; they could be delivered with the message.

Your Eurs Fossel Di Korf for .R N Peirce DSR 11 (Revised Sept 85) DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despatch/note TYPE: Draft/Final 1+ Reference FROM: Prime Minister PR6ABH TEL. NO: DEPARTMENT: Your Reference ROOM NO: BUILDING: Copies to: SECURITY CLASSIFICATION TO: Mr Andreas Papandreou Top Secret Secret Confidential Restricted Unclassified SUBJECT: PRIVACY MARKING I was very sorry to hear that you are in hospital .. was In Confidence Now way Please let me know if there is any way in which we can be CAVEAT of assistance during your stay. Meanwhile please accept my best wishes for a speedy recovery. Enclosures flag(s)