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From the Private Secretary

7 November 1988

CYPRUS: FURTHER VISIT TO LONDON BY PRESIDENT VASSILIOU

Thank you for your letter of 7 November about the Prime Minister's meeting with President Vassiliou on 25 November. I think the Prime Minister would be surprised that it was thought necessary to bring our High Commissioner from Nicosia for a forty-five minute meeting. But it is, of course, up to you to decide this. I do not think there would be any objection to the participation you propose.

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Dear Charles.

Cyprus: Further visit to London by President Vassiliou

The Prime Minister has agreed to hold further discussions with President Vassiliou on Friday 25 November at 1115 hrs, following the President's talks in New York with Mr Perez de Cuellar and Mr Denktash.

We do not yet know who else will be present on the Cypriot side. But the Foreign Secretary suggests that representation on our side should be on the pattern established at the Prime Minister's previous meetings with President Vassiliou, and that the High Commissioner in Nicosia should attend the meeting. We want to demonstrate to President Vassiliou that we regard it as important to keep Mr Maud closely alongside him.

I should mention the possibility that the Foreign Affairs debate following The Queen's Speech may well be on the morning of Friday 25 November. In that event, the Foreign Secretary (and Mrs Chalker) would both need to be in the House.

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- 1. THE PRESIDENT GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION FOR ONE HOUR'S TALKS ON 25 NOVEMBER. IACOVOU WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.
- 2. YOU WILL WISH TO KNOW THAT VASSILIOU LEAVES CYPRUS ON 9 NOVEMBER FOR CONSECUTIVE VISITS TO PARIS, ROME, BRUSSELS, LUXEMBOURG. HE WILL RETURN HERE ON 17 NOVEMBER, AND LEAVE AGAIN FOR NEW YORK ON 20 NOVEMBER.

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