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From the Private Secretary

5 March 1984

Thank you for your letter of 21 January outlining your ideas on the Cyprus problem and enclosing your paper CIR 1(4). It is good of you to have given us an opportunity to comment on your ideas.

We share your wish that a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem should be found as soon as possible. And we are broadly in agreement with your analysis of the dangers inherent in the present situation. We would not wish to comment in detail on your ideas for the substance of a settlement since that is a matter for the two communities. But, clearly, many of them are likely to find a place in any eventual settlement.

To that end we are supporting the efforts of the UN Secretary General to make progress through his mission of good offices, which was endorsed by the UN Security Council on 18 November last year just after the Turkish Cypriot declaration. We stand ready to do whatever we can to help him in his efforts. I understand that the Secretary General is in close touch with the parties and is currently exploring possible ways forward. He has recently seen President Kyprianou of Cyprus, and President Evren of Turkey and is soon to meet Mr. Denktash.

In view of the activity now being undertaken by the Secretary General, we believe that a separate initiative at this stage, however well intentioned, would not be appropriate since it would be likely to cut across the Secretary General's efforts and might well prove counterproductive.

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The Hon. Francis Noel-Baker.

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As requested in your letter of 22 February, I enclose a draft reply to a letter from The Hon Francis Noel-Baker. We are very sceptical about Mr Noel-Baker's ideas. He is clearly pursuing them with vigour. He gave an earlier draft of his paper to our High Commission in Nicosia and appears to have floated them with other governments as well.

*Yours
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