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From the Private Secretary

10 October, 1984

Cyprus: Possible Message to President Evren of Turkey

Thank you for your letter of 9 October enclosing a draft message from the Prime Minister to President Evren of Turkey about the next round of proximity talks on Cyprus.

The Prime Minister agrees to send a message. I enclose a copy of a slightly amended version which can be despatched. The thinking behind the addition to the last paragraph is that President Evren may be more encouraged to act with Denktash if he thinks that the Prime Minister will match his efforts by a further approach to Kyprianou (this would be in the form of a message, not a meeting).

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Len Appleyard, Esq.,
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Prime Minister.

The question is whether to use the weapon of a message to Even now, or leave it up for a later stage.

The FCO view is that, without progress in the next round, there won't be a later stage. This is probably right.

I have added at the end the thought that you might send a further message to Kyprianou if Even is disposed to act with Denktash.

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9 October 1984

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Prime Minister
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Dear Charles,

Cyprus: Possible Message to President Evren of Turkey

Following the Prime Minister's meeting with President Kyprianou of Cyprus on 24 September, Sir Geoffrey Howe had discussions in New York with the Turkish Foreign Minister and with the UN Secretary General. As you know, President Kyprianou asked the Prime Minister to consider making an approach to the Turks at the highest level. Sr Perez de Cuellar also asked Sir Geoffrey Howe to appeal to the Turks for flexibility.

Sr Perez de Cuellar has now asked us, through Sir John Thomson in New York, to make a personal appeal to President Evren. He expressed the view that it was the military in Turkey who made the decisions and it was therefore necessary to get through to President Evren if the Turkish side were to agree to make progress. Sr Perez de Cuellar said that he had also approached President Reagan and Mr Genscher in a similar vein.

Before receiving this new appeal from Sr Perez de Cuellar, we had consulted the Americans and Germans as to their own intentions. Like us, they either have taken, or are about to take, action with the Turks calling for flexibility, particularly over territorial concessions. But they do not at present appear to envisage a personal appeal to President Evren.

Notwithstanding the German and American views, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary believes that we should respond positively to Sr Perez de Cuellar's request. The main reasons for this are, first, because we have consistently told him that we stand ready to do what we can to assist his efforts; second, we are inclined to agree that President Evren is best placed in Turkey to bring about progress by influencing Mr Denktash; third, President Evren has already been impressed by the degree of pressure which has been exerted on Turkey, including by ourselves and the Americans, and appears to be considering the possibility of movement.

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/ I enclose a draft telegram of instructions to the Ambassador at Ankara setting out the text of a personal message from the Prime Minister for delivering to President Evren personally if possible. If the Prime Minister agrees to this, it should be delivered as soon as possible before the next round of Sr Perez de Cuellar's proximity talks, which start on 15 October. We would inform the Germans and Americans of the action we had decided to take. We see no objection to our acting alone in this matter if necessary, bearing in mind our special relationship with Cyprus, but it is possible that our partners will alter their views in the light of our decision.

I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible if the Prime Minister could agree to this course of action.

Yours ever,

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