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Dear Mr. President:

As I said in my address to the UN General Assembly in September, my Government strongly supports Secretary General Perez de Cuellar's efforts to assist your Government and the Turkish Cypriot community in finding a solution to the partition of Cyprus.

As the date approaches on which you will again meet with the Secretary General in New York, I want to reiterate to you our concern and hope that the process will succeed. Constructive negotiations in an atmosphere of mutual respect and confidentiality are essential. The present partition of Cyprus, and the long delay in finding viable solutions to that situation, are to the advantage of no one.

As the opening of the third round of proximity talks approaches, statesmanship and courage are necessities for both sides. Constitutional provisions to meet the legitimate needs of the Turkish community for security and access to decision-making under an eventual federal system must be given attention, as must the equally pressing need for significant territorial concessions. We will be discussing more fully with your Government detailed ideas on what we believe might be done in the proximity talks to assure their success.

We continue to hope sufficient compromise may be achieved in those meetings whereby the holding of a high-level meeting would be possible. We would hope those meetings could lead, in turn, to a reunited Cyprus under a government acceptable to all Cypriots and under which all can prosper with security.

Mr. President, as I and my Government have said to you on many occasions, we greatly value the friendship and goodwill which exists between Cyprus and the United States. We stand ready to assist you and the Turkish Cypriots in any way possible to facilitate that fair and final solution we all desire. Indeed, it is for this

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reason that in May of this year I proposed the creation of the "Cyprus Peace and Reconstruction Fund."

We are sending messages to all the parties directly involved in the Cyprus question, urging that this opportunity for progress not be lost. The world will be watching what takes place in New York when you convene again later this month. It is the Cypriot people above all who should be rewarded with substantial progress toward a united Cyprus.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald Reagan

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