



*Prime Minister*

*I have reminded everyone of the need to cut down on overseas visitors. But this man is a Head of State. You will not have to greet or farewell him. Agree later & working lunch?*

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London S.W.1

10 December 1979

*Dear Michael,*

*Paul 11/12/79*

*Agree reluctantly RT*

Cyprus: Proposed Visit to London by President Kyprianou

President Kyprianou wants to visit London as part of a tour of Western European countries in January or February next year. The High Commissioner recommends that we agree. In his conversation with the Cyprus Foreign Minister a date in February, perhaps in the latter part of the month appeared, from the Cyprus side, to look convenient.

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary considers that there is little choice but to agree; and hopes the Prime Minister will be able to receive President Kyprianou. The Cyprus problem would probably be the sole topic of discussion. Although there is unlikely to be much of substance to say to President Kyprianou, he is both Head of State and Head of Government of a friendly Commonwealth country, \*

\* Although little practical good can be expected from his visit, therefore, substantial harm could flow from the offence caused by an attempt to put him off, or from a failure to receive him at the appropriate level. Furthermore, it is just conceivable that by February the intercommunal talks may have reached a point where high level advice about flexibility could do some good.

A similar visit took place in June 1978. Using that precedent, the Prime Minister might propose a session of talks, for instance at midday, followed by a working lunch. The rest of his visit would be organised by the Cyprus High Commission, and revolve around the Greek/Cypriot community in Britain.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister can agree in principle to a visit on these lines, and for an indication of possible dates in February, so that we may instruct Mr Rhodes on his reply.

*Yours etc*

*Paul*

(P Lever)

Private Secretary

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\*~\* Passage deleted and retained under Section 3(4)

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Approved  
Cyprus

19 February 1980

Visit of President Kyprianou, 29 February

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 15 February on this subject. She has approved the proposed lists both for the talks and for the subsequent lunch.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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cc *Paul Goodchild* ←



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 February 1980

*Prime Minister*  
*Apce list at A for talks and*  
*overleaf for lunch?*

*Paul*

*Overleaf*

*Dear Michael,*

Visit of President Kyprianou, 29 February

Thank you for your letter of 11 January to Roderic Lyne.

As you now know, the Cypriots will number five:

- President Kyprianou
- Mr Rolandis, Foreign Minister
- Mr Pelagias, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr Vovides, Director of the President's Office
- Mr Panayides, High Commissioner for Cyprus

We understand that the Prime Minister is content that the talks should be five a side, and propose that our 5 should be:

*A.)*

- The Prime Minister
- Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
- Mr Bullard, DUS, FCO
- Mr Rhodes, British High Commissioner, Nicosia
- Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

I enclose a suggested guest list for the lunch.

Mr Rolandis announced the visit in London last week. After consulting your press office, we did likewise, and informed the Cyprus High Commission and the High Commissioner in Nicosia. No further action on publicity therefore seems needed.

*Yours etc*

(P Lever)  
Private Secretary

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PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR A LUNCH TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER  
FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, HE MR SPYROS KYPRIANOU:  
FRIDAY, 29 FEBRUARY: AT 10 DOWNING STREET.

The Prime Minister

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HE The President of the Republic of Cyprus  
HE Mr Nicos Rolandis, Foreign Minister  
HE Mr Tasos Panayides, High Commissioner for Cyprus  
Mr George Pelagias, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr H Vovides, Director of the President's Office

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The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
Mr G Pattie, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (RAF), MOD  
Mr W M Knighton, Deputy Secretary, DOT  
Mr J L Bullard, DUSS, FCO  
Mr P A Rhodes, British High Commissioner at Nicosia  
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cc *Sue Goodchild*

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11 January 1980

Visit to London by the President of Cyprus

Paul Lever wrote to me on 7 January about the visit next month of President Kyprianou.

The Prime Minister has confirmed that the date of Friday, 29 February is acceptable. She agrees with the other arrangements proposed in Paul Lever's letter. She would like the talks preceding lunch to be four aside and hopes that it may be possible for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to attend.

I should be grateful to have a draft guest list for the lunch by Friday, ~~15 February~~ and to have the briefs by Tuesday, 26 February.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Roderic Lyne, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*Miss Stephens  
To note & return to me.*

7 January 1980

*Paul  
Prime Minister: Approx lunch for 12; talks 4 a  
side (ie. you would have had lunch with me official & me  
with you)? - Yes me  
Paul 10,*

Dear Michael,

VISIT TO LONDON BY THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS

I am writing to confirm recent telephone conversations. Of the three dates offered in your letter of 12 December for talks and lunch with the Prime Minister, President Kyprianou has accepted Friday, 29 February.

Following the pattern of the call by Mr Karamanlis in October, the best arrangements might be talks beginning at 1200, and lunch for 12 people at No 10 at 1300. Please let me know if this is acceptable, and the number of people on each side at the talks preferred by the Prime Minister. (Kyprianou is likely to have his Foreign Minister, Mr Rolandis, and at least two others).

We shall submit a proposed guest list in due course, and provide briefing in the usual way.

Yours ever

(P Lever)

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

12 December 1979

CYRUS: PROPOSED VISIT BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 10 December on this subject. She has agreed, reluctantly, to offer President Kyprianou a meal, preceded by an hour's talk. She has done so on the understanding that she will not be otherwise involved in President Kyprianou's programme.

As regards dates, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the last week of February are at present free.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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