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PRIME MINISTER

The Foreign Office would like you  
to receive President Kyprianou of Cyprus  
sometime between 18 and 22 December.

You could easily see him on Friday  
19 December. You have no engagements yet  
that day.

There is no need to offer him a meal,  
but you could do lunch that day if you wished.

Agree to see him on 19 December, without  
lunch? Yes

mt. MP

19 November 1980



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*Dear Michael*

Cyprus: Visit of President Kyprianou

President Kyprianou has asked, through the Cyprus High Commissioner, whether the Prime Minister would agree to receive him for 30 - 45 minutes during a visit he plans to make to London from 18 to 22 December. The President wishes principally to discuss the intercommunal talks and Cyprus association with the European Community. His visit will otherwise be private, to meet the Cypriot community and for medical treatment.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister should agree to receive President Kyprianou. He is Head of State and Government of a friendly Commonwealth country, and the United Kingdom has substantial defence interests in Cyprus through the Sovereign Base Areas. It is also relevant that the Prime Minister will, at the Speaker's request, recently have received Mr Alecos Michaelides, who is one of President Kyprianou's main rivals and recently split his parliamentary party. The subjects President Kyprianou wishes to discuss should in any case both be at a point at which high level discussion could be useful.

When President Kyprianou was here in February the Prime Minister gave a working lunch for him after their talks. Lord Carrington does not think it essential that lunch should be offered on this occasion but it would doubtless be very well received if the Prime Minister wished again to offer hospitality.

I should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's decisions, and for an indication of date and time if she agrees to see President Kyprianou.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Brian Norbury (MOD).

*Yours etc*

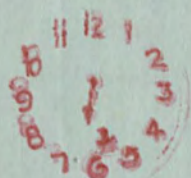
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Dear Caroline,  
of. 23/11

Cyprus: Visit of President Kyprianou

Thank you for your letter of 19 November offering 10.00 a.m. on Friday 19 December for a call on the Prime Minister by President Kyprianou. The Cyprus High Commission has confirmed that this would be convenient to the President; the appointment should therefore be considered as firm. The brief will be sent to you by close of play on 17 December.

Yours etc

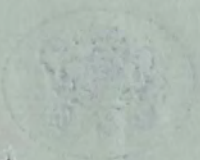
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MR. ALEXANDER

*And*

The Foreign Office recommended that the Prime Minister see President Kyprianou of Cyprus.

The Prime Minister has agreed and I have put him in the diary at 10 am on Friday 19 December and have requested a brief from the Foreign Office.

*AS*

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Cyprus: Visit of President Kyprianou

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 19 November to Michael Alexander and to confirm that the Prime Minister would be very happy to receive President Kyprianou during his visit to this country. May I please offer you 10 am on Friday 19 December and could your brief please reach this office by close of play on Wednesday 17 December.

C STEPHENS

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