



PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

Nicosia, 20th December, 1983.

Madama Prime Minister,

I would like during this festive season to extend to you and your country every good wish and to express my appreciation for the support and assistance rendered by you to my country and my government at this most critical moment in the history of Cyprus.

I should also like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with recent serious developments concerning Cyprus since my last message to you following the purported "Declaration of Independence" of the Turkish occupied part of Cyprus on 15th November, 1983, and since our last meeting at Goa and New Delhi. In complete disregard and contempt of the Security Council Resolution 541 of 18 November, 1983, demanding the reversal of that action and calling on the parties not to exacerbate the situation, Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership have, with the cooperation of the Turkish army of occupation, taken a series of measures to consolidate and perpetuate the division of my country. Even more serious, indeed potentially explosive, was the Turkish side's negative attitude towards the Security Council Resolution 544 (1983) in respect of the renewal of the mandate of UNFICYP and its refusal to concur in such renewal, in defiance of Security Council Resolution 541 (1983), combined with threats that the UN force will have to be withdrawn. The aforesaid actions are indicative of the real intentions of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership.

Considering that your country, being one of the Permanent Members of the Security Council and in its capacity as Guarantor Power, has special responsibility towards the Republic of Cyprus, we request you to take effective measures to secure compliance with the Security Council Resolution 541 (1983) for the restoration of the territorial integrity and unity of the independent and sovereign Republic of Cyprus, by the reversal of all illegal secessionist and partitionist actions, thereby opening the road to a peaceful and final settlement of the Cyprus problem in accordance with the UN Resolutions on Cyprus.

The present moment and the climate which has been created around the Cyprus problem afford the opportunity for determined efforts towards the achievement of this end.

Whilst thanking you in anticipation for your continued understanding and assistance, may I reiterate my best wishes for happiness and prosperity for you and the British people.

Yours sincerely,

(Spyros Kyprianou)

President of the Republic of Cyprus.

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Message from the President of Cyprus

I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from President Kyprianou of Cyprus. Although the letter is dated 20 December, it was only on 3 January that the President's office delivered it to the High Commissioner in Nicosia and asked him to forward it. It arrived in the FCO by bag.

We understand that President Kyprianou has sent similar letters to most other Heads of Government. In the circumstances, we consider that it would be sufficient for the Prime Minister simply to acknowledge the letter personally when she sees President Kyprianou on 18 January: the brief for that meeting will cover the point.

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