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Prime Minister

President Kyprianou.

The FCO want you to see

him, but:

- what he will be looking for is endorsement of his position in the proximity talks which the UN Secretary-General is conducting. We don't want to make the Secretary-General's task more difficult than it is already

- you have anyway seen him three times in the past 10 months

- you will be in Chester on 21 ~~September~~ and Chequers on 24 September (which he is also now

offering). We could
say that you are out
of London on the
date suggested & hope
that he does not
press his request.

But if he persists
and offers a date you
can manage, agree to
tell him?

Will see him

C D P on 26th
13/9 Sept. int

Of course I will meet
him - and we must
entertain him to lunch -
especially as we can give
him very little else in the way
of what he wants



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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13 September 1984

*Dear Charles,*Request by the President of Cyprus to meet the Prime Minister

The Cyprus High Commissioner has requested on instructions that President Kyprianou should call on the Prime Minister on 21 September in order to brief Mrs Thatcher on the talks which the United Nations Secretary General is currently holding with President Kyprianou and Mr Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader. President Kyprianou plans to leave New York on 20 September during a break in the talks, return to Cyprus for a few days and then go back to New York. On his way back he is due to see President Mitterrand (on 24 September), and then Mr Shultz in New York. We understand from the United Nations Secretariat that the Secretary General's talks have become much more difficult now that they have started to tackle substance. President Kyprianou will no doubt wish to stimulate support and understanding for his position.

Sir Geoffrey recommends that the Prime Minister should agree to meet President Kyprianou if at all possible. In view of our interests in the Sovereign Base Areas, our obligations under the 1969 Treaties and our long-standing association with Cyprus, it is important that we should maintain the goodwill of the Cyprus Government and demonstrate a continuing interest in a settlement of the Cyprus question.

President Kyprianou called on the Prime Minister immediately after the Turkish Cypriot purported declaration of independence last November, in January this year and again on 18 June.

I understand the Prime Minister may be on the point of deciding upon other plans for 21 September which might not allow a meeting with President Kyprianou on the day he has requested. Although we have not mentioned this to the Cyprus High Commissioner, we think that President Kyprianou may well be able to leave New York earlier than he had planned to allow a meeting with the Prime Minister on 20 September if necessary.

/I should

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I should be grateful if you would let me know whether the Prime Minister is able to meet this request.

*Yours ever,
CR Budd*

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

President Kyprianou

He has now been in touch to say that, because the talks in New York are going on longer than planned, the only day he can manage is 24 September.

You plan to be at Chequers that day.

Agree to see him at Chequers and give him lunch there? Small working lunch (10/12 people)?

C.D.P.

Yes mb.

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cc: Sir P. Coadock.

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From the Private Secretary

14 September 1984

REQUEST BY THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS TO MEET THE
PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 13 September about President Kyprianou's request to call on the Prime Minister and to brief her on the current talks with the United Nations Secretary General. You have subsequently told me that President Kyprianou could not after all manage the dates mentioned in your letter, but has asked to come on 27 September.

The Prime Minister would be ready to see President Kyprianou and indeed would like to entertain him to lunch, given that we have very little else to offer him. However, she cannot manage lunch on 27 September and could only see him at 5.30 p.m. I should be grateful if this suggestion could be put to President Kyprianou. If there is some flexibility in his programme which would enable him to come on another day, we could look again at the question of lunch.

Charles Powell

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

17 September 1984

Visit of President Kyprianou

We had a further word about President Kyprianou's visit. You told me that the only date which he could in fact manage was 24 September. The Prime Minister is at Chequers that day. She has, however, agreed to see President Kyprianou and give him lunch. I should be grateful if you could convey this invitation to President Kyprianou. I suggest that he and his party should arrive at 1230 pm at Chequers and leave after lunch.

It would be helpful if you could find out who will accompany him. I hope that it can be limited to the President plus three, including the High Commissioner. It would also be helpful to know who you would wish to attend from the Foreign Office. I suggest a Minister and an official.

(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

SSG

E.R.

PRIME MINISTER

Spoken to PM who
wants me & Mr. Jenkins
only.
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LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AT CHEQUERS, 24 SEPTEMBER

President Kyprianou will be accompanied only by an adviser and his High Commissioner.

Geoffrey Howe will be away in New York. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office offer Lady Young and Michael Jenkins (the Under-Secretary dealing with Cyprus). Agree to invite them? (Alternative would be to make it very small with just me as note-taker).

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