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Dear Charles,

Letter from Francis Noel-Baker

Thank you for your letter of 30 April enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister of 24 April from Francis Noel-Baker. I enclose a draft reply.

Yours ever Colin Budd

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DSR 11 (Revised) DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despatch/note TYPE: Draft/Final 1+ Reference FROM: PS/No 10 **DEPARTMENT:** TEL. NO: Your Reference TO: SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Top Secret The Hon Francis Noel-Baker Secret 340-04 Procopy Copies to: Confidential GREECE Restricted Unclassified PRIVACY MARKING SUBJECT: Thank you for your letter addressed to the PrimeIn Confidence Minister about Cyprus. CAVEAT..... We remain persuaded that the UN Secretary-General's current initiative offers the best prospect of a peaceful, just and lasting settlement in Cyprus. The Secretary-General is determined to pursue it despite the difficulties involved and he has our strong and active support in Le Abourson so doing. The communities face a historic choice and we need to encourage their leaders to show the necessary will and vision to seize it. do not believe that recounting the We do not recognise the so-called "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" and do not believe recognition by HMG would be in any way helpful. It would merely deepen the already tragic divide in Cyprus; raising tension theres And it would certainly spell the end of the Secretary-General's /efforts. Enclosures—flag(s).....

