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From the Private Secretary

23 May 1988

Dear Lyn.

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that in interest of speed
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be telephoned to Mr Ozal
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him to Ozal's office.
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During the United Nations Secretary General's meeting with the Prime Minister this morning, he urged her very strongly to support his latest initiative on Cyprus by sending a message to Mr. Ozal today. The purpose of the message would be to urge him to persuade Denktash to agree to the proposed meeting with Vasiliou in Geneva in early July. The Prime Minister said that she would do what she could to help. I enclose a short message. Subject to the Foreign Secretary's views, you may like to telephone the text to H.M. Ambassador in Ankara in the hope that he could take action this afternoon.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

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Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR. OZAL

I have had a very full talk this morning with Senor Peres de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary General. He has given me an account of his latest proposals on Cyprus involving a meeting between President Vasiliou and Mr. Denktash under his auspices in early July, leading on to a resumption of negotiations for an overall settlement. My understanding from the Secretary General is that President Vasiliou has accepted these proposals in principle but that he is still waiting to hear from Mr. Denktash. He believes that it is vitally important that Mr. Denktash should also signify his acceptance, otherwise a real possibility to restart the process of negotiation will be lost.

I understand that contacts are taking place today with Mr. Denktash. I hope very much that he will agree to the proposed meeting and the commitment to restart negotiations (despite the background of the recent unfortunate incident involving his people and UNFICYP - although not the Greek Cypriot community). It will be an opportunity to establish that the Greek Cypriots are indeed genuinely interested in a settlement. In the spirit of our talks in Ankara, may I urge you to contact Mr. Denktash and do everything possible to persuade him to accept the Secretary General's proposals.

C.D.P.

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