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PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR M. GRABER

I know that you have been following very closely the situation in Cyprus during the last few days. We hope for a cease-fire to become effective at 1500 hrs this afternoon. Paragraph 5 of the Security Council Resolution calls for talks between the three guarantor powers. The Turkish Government and the Government of the United Kingdom want these talks as quickly as possible, and so we believe do the Greek Government. All three parties are now in favour of holding the talks at Geneva, probably under the auspices of the United Nations, and it is hoped to commence the first meeting at 1100 hrs tomorrow morning. The UK Delegation will consist of about 20 persons and we believe that those of the Greeks and Turks will be of similar size.

I would have liked time to ask properly, but circumstances have made it necessary for me to make a statement in the House of Commons this afternoon, but I was most concerned that you should know of this beforehand. I would also like to convey my personal good wishes to you and say how I enjoyed our recent meeting at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

CALLAGHAN.

22 July 1974

