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2 December 1983

The Principal Private Secretary to
The Rt.Hon.Margaret Thatcher MP.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1

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but I have established that it
was sent before he received your
own message.

Dear Private Secretary,

We have been requested by Mr.Andreas Papandreou,
Prime Minister of Greece, to convey the following message
to the Prime Minister :

Athens, 2 December 1983

Dear Colleague,

I feel that it would be useful to express some
of my thoughts with regard to the European Council that
will take place in Athens on December 4-6.

The negotiations referred to in the declaration
of Stuttgart constitute the most important and complex
issue we shall be faced with, the day after tomorrow.
This issue will be the starting point of our discussions
on Sunday afternoon.

Naturally, I do not need to remind you of the
burden of our responsibility as regards the outcome of
a negotiation that is decisive for the future of the
Community. Failure would have an enormous negative
impact not only on European public opinion, which is
waiting to find out what kind of 'Europe' we want,
but also on the two future member-states, who find
it hard already to convince their public opinion of
our credibility.

Our negotiations will be based on a text, the
preparation of which has been long and painstaking.

I am certain that you will agree with me on
the necessity to limit our deliberations only to

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the essential issues that are interlinked. Depending on their degree of maturity, we should decide on specific measures or establish concrete directions. I, therefore, believe that to facilitate discussions, we should identify immediately the items that are considered to be of vital importance.

Within this framework, I believe that we should begin with the problems of the agricultural sector. If we solve the crucial and really difficult question of the rationalisation of the acquis, we shall be able to proceed to the issue of shaping a more effective structural policy, to decisions concerning the development of new policies, and to the settlement of budgetary questions, naturally bearing always in mind the existing interdependencies.

Our goal in the European Council of Athens is to arrive at political, functional and reliable decisions. If we do not succeed in effectively tackling one or two difficult problems, the ensuing result will be the failure of the negotiations as a whole. Therefore, I ask you to show the necessary flexibility, so as to identify all possible solutions that could pave the way for an agreement.

My endeavour will be to examine exhaustively all the issues. I hope that these crucial discussions will be completed during the afternoon session of Monday, but, if necessary, depending on the problems that will have emerged, we could devote Monday evening, before and after dinner, to private talks that might help us to reach the appropriate decisions.

On the basis of these discussions, the Presidency will draw up a text to be submitted to the Council on Tuesday morning. The time remaining on the agenda, on Monday evening and on Tuesday, will be devoted to other important political issues.

Furthermore, on the basis of documents submitted by the Commission, we shall proceed with the analysis of the economic and social situation in the Community and with the approval of the Annual Report on European Union. Finally, I am certain that you understand my wish for a positive discussion on the Greek Memorandum, in the light of the political consensus achieved in Stuttgart.

We are faced with a difficult task and with an overburdened agenda. Nevertheless, I await our meeting with confidence and look forward to welcoming you all in Athens.

With best personal regards,

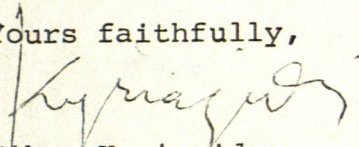
Andreas G. Papandreou"

I would be grateful if this message could be

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brought to the Prime Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kyriazides', written over the typed name below.

Nikos Kyriazides
Ambassador