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Mr.Shane L. Stone, Chief Minister Parliament House, GPO Box 3146, Darwin NT 0801, Australia. MINISTER'S OFFICE 970653 (965365 refers)

Dear Mr. Stone,

I thank you for your letter of January 6th, 1997 and I express my appreciation for your interest in my country's problem.

Copies of your letter have been forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism with the request to examine the possibility of Government representation to the events of July 20th and August 23rd, organized by the Australia's Northern Territory Cypriot Community. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend due to other prearranged commitments.

I extend to you my greetings and best wishes for every success in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

(Glafcos Clerides) President of the Republic of Cyprus

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