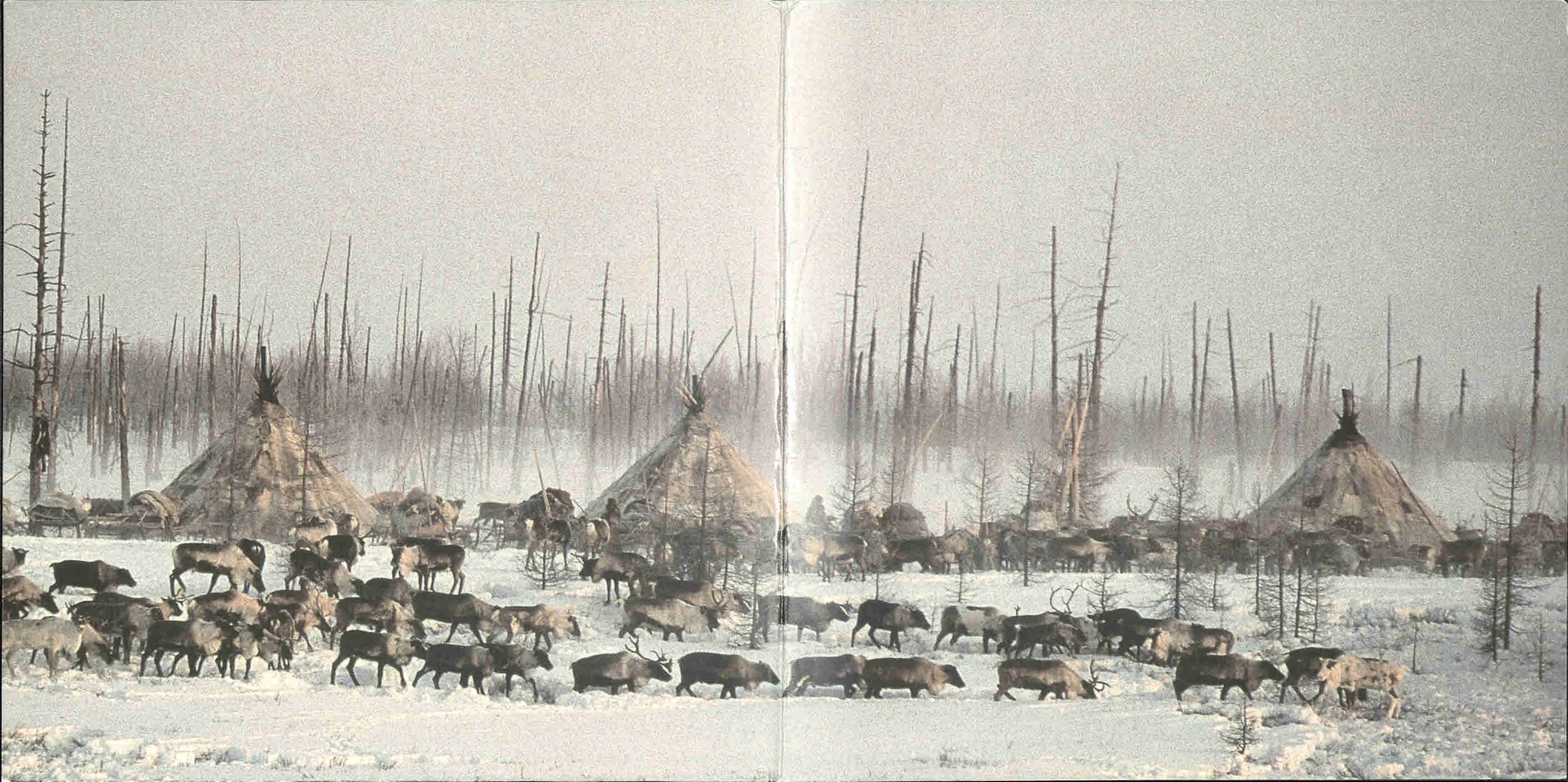


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We have had a difficult year since our daughter Rohan and her baby son had to come back to live with us when her marriage came to a sad and cruel end. She has had to abandon doing a PhD as planned and now must start a new life here in UK. But we have all helped and she will succeed. This has meant that many of our plans had to be put aside but we were able to spend several weeks in our beautiful house in

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from Nick and Susan
France, from where we visit Spain, the Pyrenees, and this year, the wonderful Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. I went to India for a month and travelled in Sikkim in the Himalayas. It was a wonderful journey with breathtaking scenery and delightful people. S.



we returned from 2 weeks in France to find a message from your US friend Paddy and we called her but she had left, to return later so I hope she will call when next in London. Thank you for the contact.

We have had a year which took us to Venice for the first time; a magical city where a first visit is merely a brief introduction. Our daughter Pishan and her son Sahosh are now in their own flat after 16 months with us. She is working for the Children's Society - a respected charity - and she is concerned with the rights of children to have a voice in decisions made concerning their future. It is very rewarding work and she loves it.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

and our very best wishes for 2001.

Nick + Susan

Nick McCarthy
Cyprianos
London

Nick McCarty, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

Dear Panos and Elli,

A very brief note this will have to be as I am still trying to catch up on work I should have done a week ago when those Cypriot MPs came to England and we seemed to spend rather a lot of time helping to make their visit worthwhile. Not sure if we succeeded but we can hope.

I hope to be in Cyprus for the journalists conference so we'll meet then even if we can't make it for a holiday this year.

I am writing though to say that a very close friend of mine called TONY CORNISH is coming to Cyprus for a week (15 to 22 April). He is a television and radio producer as well as being a superb stage director. He in fact gave me enormous help particularly at the beginning of my career. I have suggested to him that he should give you a call and I hope you have the time to meet with him. I am sure you would all find a meeting great fun and perhaps rewarding. He will be judging a drama contest for the RAF at Akrotiri and will I suspect be glad to get away from the 'forces' and all that that means.

If you do have the time I know he'd appreciate it too.

I will write at length later, hopefully with some constructive news about the material Elli sent.

Love,



(Nick)



Mr and Mrs Leonides

7, Zakinthou Street

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Limasol,

CYPRUS.

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22nd February 1988

Nick McCarty
Kew, Richmond,
Surrey.

Dear Sir,

Now that Mr George Vassiliou has won the presidential election in Cyprus with a small but absolute majority. (51.6%) I wonder how long it will be before outside but interested parties begin to threaten that island yet again.

I wonder how long before the fact that he was backed by Akel, the communist party and by the socialists, will be used as a pretext to attack his regime as dangerous to the NATO alliance, bad for the people of the island and, in particular, counter to British interests there?

It is worth remembering that Cyprus was betrayed by the guarantor powers in 1974 when the Greek coupists took over the island. The guarantors, Britain and Turkey had a duty then to restore the staus quo. The British did nothing and when the Turkish Army swept in as an invasion force condoned that by their inaction. One third of the population became refugees. The whole of the north of this independent sovereign state was occupied by the invading army. It is still occupied by them and, in the peninsular of the Karpas the US quietly builds itself an airbase.

It will be interesting to see how long it takes for the political sniping to begin.

Yours faithfully,

Nick McCarty

66, West Park Avenue,

Kew, Richmond,

Surrey.

12.5.76

Dear Panikós and Elli,

Another edition of the Newsletter which you may find useful. Met Romesh briefly the other day at the House of Commons and touched on the problems of Cyprus but it wasn't possible to go deeply into it at that meeting for various reasons. Anyway no doubt Jean will have filled him in on what we are doing here.

Sunday Jean and I go to Manchester for a meeting with a trades unionist and a representative group of Cypriots in the area who want to become more active. We're going to get them organized and under our banner if possible. Plans for International Solidarity week here are getting under way now and the notion of 'coopération' betw n the Cypriot groups and the BcC azzz is beginning to work.

Lord Caradon, in a letter to the Guardian demanded the internationalisation of the problem which I suspect is because he is bowing to pressure from our committee to some extent. We've written to congratulate him and to inform him of the dates of the international meeting in W. Germany.

Things seem to be getting on t e move again after a long period of despondency from the Cypriot community and indeed from others who are concerned. Our international contacts grow daily and this is encouraging of course.

Keep watching the Guardian as I gather from their foreign editor that they have a piece that may be of interest which they are checking the credibility of at the moment. One of the problems being that for a newspaper anything that comes only from the one side is 'tainted' in some respects so they need confirmation of all stories from two or three sources.

I talked with the maker of the ITV film from the North of Cyprus that went into the situation of the Greek Cypriots still there and also looked to an extent. (and shallowly) at the reasons for the situation. He seemed to feel that the only thing that worried Dentash was (a) the possibility of internationalizing the situation and (b) the growing feeling that he was going to become the leader of a Turkish province rather than the leader of a whole community.

I suspect that the hand of the mainland administration and the influx of mainland turks is tipping the scales of his power away from him and he finds this unsatisfactory. Which can only be hopeful for our fight.

22. February. 1988

Panikos and Elli Peonides,
Limassol,
Cyprus.

Dear Panikos and Elli,

I did not believe the result of the elections! What a delight that your new president is of the Left. But how dangerous that is too. We all know how easily the Thatchers and the Reagans can turn on and savage people they do not agree with. There can be no doubt that this result will frighten them and their advisors very much indeed. It will need great skill and wisdom to be shown by everyone in Cyprus if the Americans and the British are not to begin to meddle in the internal political scene yet again!

But, for the moment at least, celebrations must be the order of the day. We wish you joy at this time.

Sincere good wishes and love,

Dick — Susan

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Our dear friends -

This is really to welcome you home and to say we hope you had a happy and restful holiday, and that your hives will be a little less hectic than they were this summer. Next year we hope we shall be able to see more of you both and that you will be able to come to our house.

But it was very nice to be able to continue our friendship with you both as we did.

(A week later) we have had such a very busy month since we came back - Nick's been in great demand and the drama series for television about the Army is going ahead, so he may be back in Cyprus fairly soon to do some reconnoitring for filming next year. I miss Cyprus even more this year than last, altho' haven't had much time for missing anything - I find life is becoming so complicated here - there is a new law every month and the latest obliges farmers driving tractors to fit the cabin part onto their machine! That's a real infringement of liberty! I have started doing some teaching of English to Arab students, which is giving me some very good experience; I also have Turks and a Greek on the course and a princess from Saudi Arabia and a Palestinian from Beirut. I am working for Nick, doing a lot of research for him and Jim running a Saturday morning club for children. I expect you are familiar with Amnesty International; I have been an active member for many years and now Jim is involved in their Campaign against Torture - an Urgent Action project in which private people, Trades Unions, professional bodies exert pressure on governments the minute news of an arrest arrives - that's usually within 2 or 3 days. So far our main area of activity has been

S. America and has met with consid-
erable success, and fairly rapid release
of prisoners. Our children are both at
school now and are very happy there
but they are so nostalgic for Cyprus.
Jean + George Pavett are well and
working very hard for the UK Commu-
ittee. She is one of the 3 members going
to Frankfurt. Nick can't go because he
is too occupied with his work. When we
came back one of our suitcases was
lost - it appears it never left Larnaca -
and it contains all his papers, books
research material + scripts from Cyprus.
No insurance company will compensate
us for that loss - + no one else can use
that material. Hope we shall see
Mantene soon. With you please give our
regards to Dorothy + with love to you +

Nick and Susan McAuliffe

Kew

Surrey

Jan 5 '76

Dear Pannikos,

Just a very brief note. I am helping the Britain-Cyprus Committee to get together a small pamphlet that will bring home to people here and abroad the situation ^{now} in Cyprus. We would very much like a piece from you if you felt inclined and my hope was that it might present an idea of the way in which the people are rebuilding from their ruined lives something. But obviously you are there and know the truth and your view would be of great value in the magazine/pamphlet.

Perhaps you will give us a short piece at your earliest opportunity. Does Elie have a poem that would be suitable and that will translate well? If so we must try to get that in too.

I have been thinking that something we should consider is to make a well produced magazine that is both literary and political and that comes from the guts of a society such as that now exposed in Cyprus. A well produced magazine in that it should also include the work of designers and painters, photographers and so on in the island. But this is something that perhaps we can discuss when we come back out to Cyprus in July. (It may be that there is already something like this but I haven't seen it here and I think in situations so desperate, so tragic that we might produce something of great worth.) It would be an encouragement at least. But that is for us to talk about in the evening when we have eaten and drunk well together. We look forward to that.

Our love to both of you,

Nick and Susan

157 Nov / 75

Dear Pannikos and Ellie,

Hope you find the enclosed piece of interest. At least it made a lot of space which can do no harm. You will no doubt have been to the meeting in Athens about Chile at which Jean Pavett was, and from which she was going to an international meeting about Cyprus. I understood from her that she was going to come to Cyprus afterwards so I hope she has given you our love.

I also suggested that she should talk to Cyril Radford 'unofficially' to get a rather different British point of view.

Here, the feeling we have is of being a cell which has no chance of real growth because the interest in the Cyprus problem wanes. We meet fellow enthusiasts, buy produce from a Greek grocer who knows us and knows we know his village near Achna, we talk in the Britain Cyprus committee with various MPs and with Lord Fenner Brockway... we try to keep the Select Committee alive in the next session of Parliament and that will take pressure of a considerable sort I suspect. Perhaps there should be a concerted effort from the island to point out to the British government that the situation hasn't gone away, is alive and real and in need of solution. Not that our government will do much having abdicated its responsibilities in all areas so long ago.

And so the cell is in arid land and we feel the loss even if less acutely than those of you in the real struggle.

So, best wishes, I hope the article doesn't paint too rosy a picture but I wanted there to be a feeling that this was a people who could get up and act for themselves if necessary....

Love

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Nico', written over a horizontal line.

Nick McCarty
66, West Park Avenue
Kew, Richmond
Surrey.

Dear Ellie and Panikos,

A brief greeting for the New Year and our hopes that we shall see you sometimes during this year either in Athens of London or Paris. I have just been invited to a meeting to celebrate the Name Day of Makarios by the Greek Cypriot Brotherhood. What should I know about them? Right or Left? Right I assume but they are connected here in some way with the students from Cyprus so....?

I have the basis of a film Panikos about the whole Cyprus debacle. Though it could also apply to any country in a similar situation. Chile, Italy or ~~wherever~~ wherever. It concerns three groups of people looking for each other and at the same time deeply involved in the catastrophe that is taking place around them. Maybe us on our way back to Limassol during the coup, you and your work and two friends of ours who were involved with Paphos Free Radio.....All very different and all united by the bond of love. Love for the island in diverse ways, love for each other, love for freedom....Who can I go to? Could Cacoyannis be interested perhaps? It would be worth saying, it would be exciting and it would be the truth. What d'you think.

And for now I must go back to making a crust by writing pot boilers for the television. Susan and the children are well. Lukie is five today and growing up fast. On Saturday we have to give him a party God help us all!

I hope your work progresses well and that the troubled times for Greece become shorter and shorter. Obviously in such a huge change things will go more slowly than the idealists would wish but at least there is light at the end of the tunnel and not the dark void of the past. Take care and know that we think of you very often.

Yours friends,

Nick - Pan.

Mike and Susie Mackarty

Tel. 01/876/2012

66, West Park Avenue,
Kew,
Richmond,
Surrey.

31/1/75

Our dear Friends,

I know it's considered very rude to write personal letters on a type-writer, but I ask you not to be offended - its because I have to learn to type now that I am working again and the little business which a friend and I have started has hardly any money - certainly not enough to pay a typist! In former times when I was at the BBC I had someone to do all these things for me! So, please be tolerant of my mistakes, won't you?

We were so pleased to get your card this week and we are very touched that you absolutely understand how we feel and have felt about Cyprus ever since July 15th. It has been particularly painful this past ten days or so with the final sell-out by our Government. Letters to newspapers etc., etc., but no-one who doesn't know Cyprus and her very particular problems seems to understand or, alas, in many cases, to even care. They have their own pre-occupations here on an economic level, as I'm sure you are well aware.

So, a Conference in March - does this mean you will both be able to come, or will you come on your own, Panikos? We don't know what the usual arrangements are on such occasions but we should be delighted if you would like to come and use our house as your own. We have plenty of room, and you can be in the centre of London in a half an hour by Underground train, and they run frequently. If, however you have already made arrangements then we insist that you come to our house for food, conversation, and for us, the great pleasure of seeing you again. Just let us know if there is anything we can do in any way, won't you?

We are all well - so far there's not been any real winter - it was colder in L'sol last January! The children grow like strong weeds and are very happy at their school and Nursery school. Nick had a bad time for some weeks with very little hope of work (the economic crisis has meant that TV and Film Companies aren't spending any money at all, to speak of.) However, a bit of luck and a lot of talent got him a commission to write a serial in 6 parts for older children so he is in business once again. Luckily he's getting known and is well respected, professionally and personally, so we are very fortunate.

We are going down to the South-West soon for a few days' change of air and we hope to see Aleco and Dora. We saw her when she arrived in London and she was as well and beautiful as ever!

We wait to hear more news about your coming to England - we live very near the Airport so shall come and meet you, if you would like that.

With much love to you all, from all of us,

Susie

Oh, how we miss Cyprus.

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11 December 1998

Dear Elli and Panicos

You must have wondered why you did not hear from us after we returned from our most enjoyable, nostalgic visit to Cyprus at the end of March. We fully intended writing but by the end of this letter you might see why letter writing never got done.

A few days after our return, Rohan came back from 6 months working in South India for Christian Aid with the news that she and Chiru, her Bengali partner since 1996, were having a baby in November. This came as a complete surprise to us and took some getting used to; Chiru arrived a few days later, not knowing whether he would be welcomed or met by Nick and Luke with a shotgun. All was well and we became very happy; Rohan put off starting her doctorate in India for a UK university until October 1999 and arrangements were made for the birth to be here. Nick's parents were delighted that they were to be great grandparents and then the next day, his mother was taken ill and died three weeks later in hospital. Luckily they were here and not in Birmingham where they came from, so we were able to look after Nick's father and we were all with her when she died. Three days later his father had a stroke, also here, and he went into the same hospital so we were back there on a daily basis for the rest of June.



After a month back here, trying to come to terms with the shock, he insisted on returning to his house; it was very worrying for us since it is over 100 miles away and he was 89. For two months he managed very well with a home help and regular visits from his only remaining relative there then he became ill, decided there was no point in living without his wife of 63 years, and died in hospital, in Birmingham in mid October. The day after the funeral, Rohan and Chiru's baby decided to come two weeks early, before Chiru arrived from Calcutta.

Sahosh Thomas McCarty-Sur arrived on a bright and sunny morning, healthy, noisy and with more black hair than you have ever seen on a baby. He is now 6 weeks old, beautiful, naturally, and we all love him enormously. Chiru is here until the end of December and Rohan and I will take Sahosh home to his Calcutta family in February. I shall stay for a month. Neither Nick nor I ever believed we'd be parents in law and grandparents by the end of the year but it is strange how often death in a family is followed by a birth. Meanwhile, we are clearing the house in Birmingham ready for sale. It's a good thing I had already retired; I could never have kept on working and looking after everyone at the same time.

We had a good summer holiday in France with Luke and his girl friend Lucy and now I am preparing to let it out for a few weeks next year to cover the cost of its upkeep. Nick says 1999 must be better than 1998; through no fault of his own, three projects have collapsed in the last few months so it is his turn for some good luck. But we are all well and happy and send you love and our very best wishes for Christmas and 1999. The world is getting smaller all the time, so it won't be so many years before we see you again.

He & enjoyed our evening with you and
look forward to more times spend together.
With love - Nick & Susan

PS. You will be pleased to know that
our grandson attended an anti Pinocchio
demonstration in London this week with
his mother and grandmother!

Nick McCarty

66, West Park Avenue

Kew, Richmond

Surrey.

10th December 1974

Dear Ellie and Panikos,

I have just, maybe five minutes ago, finished an enormous play for television about the arch capitalist of the late twenties and early thirties. A man called Ivar Kreugar who cornered the world market in matches and then began to lend money to countries in exchange for certain favours. It's odd because I came to the play with an open mind about the man to an extent and as the machinery of his operation unfolded for me I began to understand the more clearly that the criminal element behind his thinking is no different from that behind those who operate today. Now, that may seem naive of me, to be making this discovery only now. But the point I am making is that one sees not through the actions of the man but through the man himself that his criminality takes hold and he believes himself a god above ordinary men. It's a hard position to assault I reckon.

Anyway the play is over, at least until I come to the revision stage which will be later this month now as I need to retreat from it for a time.

Cyprus is of course very much on our minds just now and last night I went to a seminar in London which was to be spoken to by Lord Caradon, Hugh Foot. And also by a Greek Cypriot constitutional lawyer. The speakers were more than adequate, giving background, reasons, history and result clearly enough but the interesting part from our point of view came during the period of discussion.

A young man stood up, the first speaker from the floor and said, "I must declare my position, I am a Turk from mainland Turkey...." In a room ~~xxxx~~ full of Greeks and Greek Cypriots this was something. But he then begged us all to stop listening to the old colonial line, to the line of the establishment in Greece and in Turkey and to look for the real enemy. Nato he said, America he said, the believers in the status quo in Britain, Greece and Turkey who all had a vested interest in allowing Cyprus to be savaged.

The man next to me, an English man involved in one of the Aid to Cyprus committees who wouldn't use our film, (Another story later on) muttered darkly to me "Ah, just a Turkish Socialist" and so dismissed the point of the young man's speech. This was the point of view it appeared of most of the entrenched and elderly in the hall. But then a surprising thing happened. A Greek stood up. A man, he said, from mainland Greece and he wanted to say that should he have been forced to make a choice between the previous regime in Greece and its leader and the previous speaker whom he would be proud to call his friend, then he would choose the Turk any time. That it was time for the people who knew where the enemy lay to join to prevent the apportioning of the island of Cyprus into the hands of America and Nato. Again many of the people in the hall and in particular those involved with the Help Cyprus, Aid to Cyprus type of organizations appeared to me to be shocked.

There can be no doubt that for many, even for those who claim that they care about Cyprus there is a vested interest in continuing to talk about the differences between the Turkish Cypriot and the Greek Cypriots. For it is perfectly obvious that should the socialists in the island manage to get together they would solve the problems quickly and easily once and for all. There is no doubt in my mind that many of those who are supposed to be working for settlement, for the good of the island etc etc are only talking about the good of the island on their terms. That is to say in order to retain their previous positions, privileges, powers and possessions. When the people of Cyprus can come to realize that then they may have some path they can follow that will remove the problems and will also remove the parasites, be they Greek or Turk or British who have vested interests in the status quo.

Two 'Help Cyprus' organizations have decided that the film we made, which is called Bitter Fruit, is too political for them to use. I quote their letter to me which was two lines long.

"Thank you for letting us see the film. We do not see a use for it at the moment. We will let you know if we can use it."

So they sit here on their fat bottoms while Evangelos and I and the cameraman and grips go back into the island. They said to me after they had seen the film, "we feel there is not enough of the Turkish point of view." I told them that I was happy to go back into the Turkish area provided I had the same freedom that I had in the south and that I could take the same director with methey didn't feel that was likely. But then they're British with property in the North of the island and I am sure this is their main concern. Perhaps I should have known that a man called Brigadier Harbottle and his wife would not be a lot of help. (That name is between us for the moment please)

The film is being shown at University campuses around England and indeed was shown last week in Manchester university where a collection raised about £20.00 for the refugees through the High Commission in London. It was also shown at the Commonwealth Institute here in London two nights ago so it is serving a purpose in showing what happened and what the situation is. Have you yet had the chance to see the film. Apparently the Government in Nicosia have ordered a number of copies. Also I gather that the Greek Government has asked for some. If you can possibly get hold of a copy, preferably with the English sound track I think you would feel it had been worth making. If the party would like a copy out there I am sure I can arrange it at this end. Let me know if you do.

They haven't yet paid me my expenses of course and God alone knows when I will see them but ~~that is~~ that is a minor irritation when it comes to matters like this. I tried to get one of the Help Cyprus organizations to use the Kotzonis card as a Christmas card. They decided against the idea. They were going to print their own they said. I heard nothing more.

Here the frosts have started and today is clear and cold and what we call 'bracing'. Which means it freezes your balls off if you step outside. We're already getting itchy feet again but are forced by sheer economics to stay put for a bit as the TV business is badly hit by shortages of money at the production end.

Sarah, who was visiting us in Cyprus when the troubles broke out was over last night and wished to be remembered to you both. She became very involved with the island in the short time she was there and did a radio interview with me just after I got back from the film making.

Sue set up a radio interview for three English girls we know who are married to Greek Cypriots and that apparently went very well and will be broadcast on Christmas Eve here. So we're doing what we can but god knows its a drop in the ocean against the hopeless tide of self interest and international wheeling and dealing that is obviously still going on over Cyprus. My suspicion is that the outcome will be depressing in the extreme.

Should you be coming to London, you have a roof and a home here.

Take care of each other and our best wishes to those friends we have heard about but not yet met.

Sincerely, love,

Nice and Sue

Nick McCarty
66, West Park Avenue,
Kew, Richmond,
Surrey.
19th April 1976

Dear Panikos and Elli,

Herewith another Newsletter plus some copies for your friends. At last here in the British Press we are seeing more and more news of the situation in Cyprus not only with regard to the direct political areas but also with regard to the past excesses of the CIA, Samson, the Junta, the Americans etc etc. We see news about Hashish being found in Hoiland that was obviously exported from Famagusta and thus is being grown in the North of the island. (D'you have evidence of the trade in Hashish there or of stronger drugs for that matter.) We see that a number of antiquities that were due to come up for auction in Christies or Sotherbies had to be withdrawn when the High Commission here made noises and claimed the pieces to be those of a Cypriot who had his collection looted in 75. So these are small things individually but they do mean a growth in interest and in speculation about Cyprus.

You will know that we are still very active and are involved now with pulling into our organization some Turkish Progressives. We meet next week and hopefully these progressives will be with us. I'll let you know how that goes.

It isn't long now before we come out to Cyprus and frankly I can't wait to get the rest I've needed for about two years. Writing more or less continually for that time is a strain and I'm beginning to feel I'm not going to go on too much longer without taking a break. Cyprus will give me the chance.

So, we're back to the old business of looking for houses, a car to rent and so on. If you know of anything or anyone who has such things we'd be grateful if you could put us in touch so that e can begin to work out the price of our stay. Honestly we do have to be very careful at the moment as the wirk scene here is very uncertain for a writer and though I've been lucky I know the time must come by law of averages that I get the axe.

Give our love to all our friends and in particular Xania from that lovely village where we didn't get a house, (sadly) If you'd let her have a copy of the newsletter she might be interested to see it and to know that some of us here still try.

Our particular love to you both. We can begin to imagine again the meal we will eat looking over the sea with our friends again. Soon.

Love,

Nick

Nick McCarty,
66, West Park Avenue,
Kew, Richmond,
Surrey.
4.2.77

Dear Elli,

How good to get your letter and to hear that you are all well and getting more busy each day. Here what with writing a great deal and the Cyprus work things are becoming more and more hectic. As you will realize the arrival of Carter on the scene has thrown our Foreign Office into a state of confusion and they are asking for solutions from a number of people. Suddenly they are determined that there will be a solution to the problem. So we are concerned now to make sure that it is an acceptable one.

From a contact who went to see the under secretary, David Owen, and who is bright enough to put a solid case for a just solution I learned that Clerides was seeing the Foreign Office on the same day. Why? He has been seeing Vance too hasn't he? Who the hell does he represent, are the Powers saying he can have political power in Cyprus again as part of the solution. Money and powerful right wing influences at work not only here but in the Greek American lobby. If it is the case we have to make sure I think that our Government does not fall into the trap of promoting him against the wishes of the people as expressed in the elections of last year. Any information on this would be gratefully received.

David Owen did say that 'partition has been ruled out of all dealings even by Ankara'. I don't know how much is common knowledge in Cyprus so whatever I say that isn't common knowledge you should keep to your chest.

Owen is convinced a solution will be found this year. It may mean that some refugees don't go home. It will also mean that Turkish troops don't go until there is a settlement according to Owen. Not acceptable I would think. They'd never go if that were the case.

The meeting of journalists in March I'll be coming to I hope. Jean has a meeting in Sophia this weekend and I'm trying to get Bob Edwards the chairman of the Parliamentary international committee to meet a few people before he comes to Cyprus.

Meanwhile we continue with the Newsletter and with meetings in Universities and so on. It is one hell of a struggle.

Now, your children's programme.... If I am to try to raise interest I must have more details... In fact it would help if you could manage a rough translation even or just an outline of a few of the stories so that I have something concrete to present to the children's programme producers. They just won't listen without something concrete on paper. So... the ball is in your court again Elli. But if you can do that I will push this end.

I'm afraid that we will not be able to afford to come to Cyprus this summer for, though we have had a good year writing I do have to try and get some money together to pay off the house and the tax and so on... We haven't made a final decision but I can't see it being possible.

I guess though if there is a settlement there may be ways and means of getting there more cheaply.... but we'll have to wait and see.

Please give our love to Cyril if you see him and to Mai and Pete Moore, too. Best wishes to Kotzonis, the Michael Ataliedes and to all those friends we have met together. Particularly though to Chris and his wife in Polemedia village and to our friends at the Club.

Our love of course to you both,

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