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TO IMMEDIATE PARIS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 472 OF 31 OCTOBER

AND TO DESKBY 311930Z ATHENS, BRUSSELS, BONN, LUXEMBOURG,

THE HAGUE, COPENHAGEN, ROME AND DUBLIN

AND TO DESKBY 312000Z ALL MIDDLE EAST POSTS (EXCEPT JERUSALEM)

AND TO DESKBY 311900Z WASHINGTON

INFO IMMEDIATE JERUSALEM

This is the result of a Greek refusal to go along with the original text French reluctance to accept the news Greek text!

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PARIS TELEGRAM 941 (NOT TO ALL) : SINAI MFO

1. MY RELUCTANT CONCLUSION IS THAT AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE TEN (WHICH IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR US AND APPEARS TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE OTHER THREE BEFORE A STATEMENT IS MADE BY THE FOUR) WILL NOT (NOT) NOW BE POSSIBLE IN TIME TO ALLOW MESSAGES TO GO TO CAMP DAVID PARTIES AND OTHER ARABS BEFORE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON MONDAY. MORE TIME WILL THEREFORE BE NEEDED. I CANNOT AGREE TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BEING MADE WHILE I AM IN RIYADH, WHICH MEANS THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AFTER MY RETURN, IE ON 6 NOVEMBER AT THE EARLIEST. EC POSTS SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS ACCORDINGLY AND SAY THAT WE DO NOT (NOT) INTEND TO PROPOSE A NEW TEXT BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.
2. IF WE ARE TO GET DIFFERENCES RESOLVED ON THE BASIS OF A BETTER TEXT THAN THE ONE NOW PROPOSED BY THE GREEKS, I SEE NO (NO) ALTERNATIVE TO AN APPROACH TO THE GREEKS BY THE FRENCH, POSSIBLY

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AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

FOR PARIS: MIFT (NOT TO ALL) CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM ME TO CHEYSSON ASKING THEM TO DO THIS. IN HANDING IT OVER YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO THE 6 NOVEMBER DATE (PARA ONE ABOVE).

3. FOR WASHINGTON AND MIDDLE EAST POSTS: AS WILL BE APPARENT FROM THE ABOVE NO (NO) MESSAGES FROM ME CAN NOW BE DELIVERED THIS WEEKEND. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED.

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M I P T: SINAI MFO

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO CHEYSSON:

AS YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE AWARE I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO AGREE THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE TEN IN TIME FOR OUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SINAI FORCE TO BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE MY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WILL BE BEST IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE REMAINING DIFFICULTIES TO BE RESOLVED. I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THIS WILL PROVE POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF A TEXT BETTER THAN THE ONE NOW PROPESED BY THE GREEKS. WE HAVE ALREADY PRESSED THEM HARD AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE NOW MOST LIKELY TO RESPOND TO AN APPROACH FROM YOU. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS. YOU WILL OF COURSE WANT TO REFLECT ON WHAT MEANS OF APROACH WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE BUT I FEEL SURE THAT A MESSAGE TO PAPANDREOU WITH THE AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WOULD HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE IF YOU FELT IT RIGHT SO TO RECOMMEND CARRINGTON

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