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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TO PRIORITY ATHENS
TELEGRAM NUMBER 314 OF 25 SEP
REPEATED FOR INFO TO PRIORITY BONN, THE HAGUE, COPENHAGEN, PARIS
AND ROUTINE TO UKREP BRUSSELS
SAVING TO LUXEMBOURG, BRUSSELS, DUBLIN, ROME
MIPT: MR PAPANDEOU'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY, MR
ANDREAS PAPANDEOU PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE.
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 13 SEPTEMBER.
WE LAST DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN
PROGRAMMES AT THE BRUSSELS EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN MARCH. THE
DECISION WE MADE, AS YOU SAY, CONSTITUTES A FIRM UNDERTAKING
WHICH REFLECTS THE RECOGNITION AMONG COMMUNITY HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE PROGRAMMES TO BOTH GREECE
AND THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. I STAND BY THE DECISION WE MADE THEN.
WE AGREED THAT INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES SHOULD
BE LAUNCHED DURING 1985 TO ENABLE THE SOUTHERN REGIONS OF THE
PRESENT COMMUNITY TO ADJUST THEIR ECONOMIES TO COPE WITH THE
ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL. WE FURTHER AGREED THAT THEY
SHOULD BE FINANCED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXISTING
STRUCTURAL FUNDS. THE NEW SOCIAL FUND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND REGULATIONS WHICH CONTAIN PROVISION FOR INTEGRATED
PROGRAMMES, TOGETHER WITH THE PACKAGE OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES
MEASURES NOW UNDER DISCUSSION, WILL PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN
WHICH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S DECISION CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. WE
ALSO AGREED THAT THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO AID FROM
THE FUNDS, HAVING REGARD TO IMPS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED
IN REAL TERMS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF FINANCING POSSIBILITIES.
THE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS FACING THE COMMUNITY ARE SEVERE.

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THERE IS LITTLE ROOM TO INCREASE THE AMOUNTS GOING TO THE STRUCTURAL FUND IN 1985 BEYOND WHAT WAS PROVISIONALLY AGREED AT THE JULY BUDGET COUNCIL. NONETHELESS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR A START TO BE MADE ON INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES IN 1985 THROUGH THE EXISTING STRUCTURAL FUNDS. ENDS.

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