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M.I.P.T.: **CYPRUS: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS**

1. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A FIRM JUDGEMENT ON THIS PROJECTED TURKISH MOVE UNTIL WE SEE DETAILS OF WHAT IS TO BE PROPOSED ON TERRITORY. ON THE FACE OF IT THE TURKISH SIDE HAVE SETTLED ON AN ASTUTE TACTIC. IF THE TERRITORIAL OFFER IS REALLY NEAR 70/30 THIS WILL PUT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ON THE SPOT. ROLANDIS, WHO YESTERDAY AGAIN CONFIRMED TO ME THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD CONSIDER ANY TURKISH OFFER VERY CAREFULLY INDEED, HAS SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST REJECTION OF A 70/30 OFFER (MY TELNO 167).

2. THE LINKAGE WHICH THE TURKISH SIDE ARE MAKING BETWEEN TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTION WILL MEAN THAT A RESPONSE FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MUST ENTAIL A MOVE ON CONSTITUTION.

3. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MAY JIB AT ANY CHANGE IN THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF THE TALKS BUT THEY HAVE ALWAYS ADMITTED THAT THE BASIC BARGAIN MUST BE BETWEEN CONSTITUTION AND TERRITORY AND GOBBI HAS ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO GET OVER THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN TOPICS BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER FORMAL SESSIONS OF THE TALKS. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL NO DOUBT OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF VAROSHA IN TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS, ARGUING THAT VAROSGA SHOULD BE HANDED OVER AS A GESTURE TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE. (THE PRESIDENT SPOKE ON THESE LINES WHEN I SAW HIM ON 22 JULY) BUT IF THE AREA INCLUDED WITH VAROSHA IS SOMEWHERE NEAR WHAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE VAROSHA REFUGEES IT WILL AGAIN BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS NOT TO TAKE PROPOSALS ON THESE LINES SERIOUSLY.

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1. WHEN I SAW THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY EVENING HE SAID THAT DENKTASH, WHO WAS IN A MUCH BETTER MOOD, HAD BEHAVED IN ANKARA IN WHAT BATU DESCRIBED AS A QUOTE STATESMANLIKE MANNER UNQUOTE. HE HAD AGREED TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY, CONSTITUTION AND SECURITY PUT TO HIM BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO SECURE AMENDMENTS.

2. BATU SAID THAT DENKTASH WOULD SEE GOBBI (WHO RETURNED YESTERDAY) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE TWO POINTS:-

(A) THE PRESENT PATTERN OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH DIVIDED THE TOPICS INTO WATERTIGHT COMPARTMENTS MUST BE CHANGED. FUTURE SESSIONS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION WHICH WAS BASICALLY CONCERNED WITH TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTION. THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS ON VAROSHA SINCE THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER TERRITORY. PRACTICAL MEASURES, AS SUCH, SHOULD ALSO FALL AWAY WHEN ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

(B) THE TURKISH SIDE THOUGHT GOBBI'S IDEAS ON TERRITORY AND ON THE CONSTITUTION A REASONABLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. NEVERTHELESS THEY WERE READY TO PUT FORWARD THEIR OWN PROPOSALS (INCLUDING A MAP) ON THESE TWO TOPICS AND ON SECURITY AS SOON AS GOBBI COULD ORGANISE A MEETING ON THE BASIS DESCRIBED IN (A) ABOVE. THIS THEY WOULD DO WITHOUT INSISTING ON AN IMMEDIATE BALANCING MOVE BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS.

3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS BATU SAID THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MAP WOULD NOT BE BASED EXACTLY ON A 70/30 FORMULA BUT WOULD BE QUOTE NEAR THAT FIGURE UNQUOTE. THERE WOULD BE NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO PERCENTAGES SEMI-COLON MORE IMPORTANT WAS THE TYPE OF TERRITORY, E.G., VILLAGES, WHICH ZEY WERE READY TO HAND OVER. THE AREA INCLUDED WITH VAROSHA WHICH WOULD FORM A PART OF THE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WOULD BE INCREASED FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED FOR INTERIM U.N. ADMINISTRATION. VAROSHA WOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AN ENCLAVE. THERE WOULD BE NO OFFER TO RETURN MORPHOU.

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4. ON CONSTITUTION BATU SAID THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WOULD BE SIMILAR, IN SOME PARTS IDENTICAL, TO GOBBI'S IDEAS. THE PROPOSALS WERE OFFERED AS A PACKAGE, I.E. THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS GETTING THE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WITHOUT MOVING ON THE CONSTITUTION. WHILE THE TURKISH SIDE WERE NOT MAKING THEIR PROPOSALS CONDITIONAL ON AN IMMEDIATE GREEK CYPRIOT MOVE, THEIR AIM WAS OF COURSE TO PUSH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ADVANCE FROM THEIR PRESENT UNREALISTIC ATTITUDE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

5. AS BATU PUT IT, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD HAVE TO SHOW WHETHER THEY ARE REALLY PREPARED TO SHARE POWER WITH WHAT THEY HAVE CALLED THEIR QUOTE TURKISH CYPRIOT BROTHERS UNQUOTE. BATU ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO FAIL TO RESPOND TO THIS TURKISH CYPRIOT MOVE. HE HOPED THAT WE WERE USING OUR INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE THEM TO BE REASONABLE. I SAID THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE IN NO DOUBT OF OUR VIEW THAT FLEXIBILITY WAS REQUIRED ON BOTH SIDES.

6. BATU CONFIRMED THAT PLANS WERE BEING MADE FOR A VISIT TO NORTH CYPRUS BY THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE AIM OF THIS WAS PRECISELY TO BALANCE THE VISIT OF MITSOTAKIS. TURKMEN WOULD PROBABLY SPEND 4 DAYS IN CYPRUS. 20 AUGUST WAS A POSSIBLE DATE FOR HIS ARRIVAL .

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