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TELEGRAM NUMBER 952 OF 25 SEPTEMBER
INFO WASHINGTON ANKARA ATHENS NICOSIA MELBOURNE (FOR PS).
INFO SAVING TO BONN PARIS AND ROME.

MY TEL NO 194: CYPRUS: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

1. THE CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BREAKFAST WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL THIS MORNING (25 SEPTEMBER).
2. ACCORDING TO SHERRY, WHO WAS PRESENT, ROLANDIS AND WALDHEIM DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE TIMING AND PRESENTATION OF NEW IDEAS. WALDHEIM URGED THAT KYPRIANOU SHOULD LEAVE MELBOURNE EARLY AND GET HERE IN TIME FOR MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON 2/3 OCTOBER. ROLANDIS MENTIONED 9 OCTOBER AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE.
3. SHERRY SAID THAT WALDHEIM HAD PRESSED ON ROLANDIS THE NEED FOR THE UN TO INTRODUCE NEW IDEAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY ON 7 OCTOBER. THE SECRETARY GENERAL MADE CLEAR THAT HE SAW NO POINT IN WAITING AND THAT EXTERNAL FACTORS (IE THE GREEK ELECTIONS) WERE NOT RELEVANT. THE SECRETARIAT ALSO REITERATED TO ROLANDIS THAT IT WAS A QUESTION NOT OF PROPOSALS TO BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BUT OF AN EVALUATION OF THE PRESENT STAGE, INTENDED TO SERVE AS A VEHICLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
4. SHERRY COMMENTED THAT ROLANDIS HAD AS USUAL BEEN THOROUGHLY SENSIBLE. BUT HE HAD INSISTED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR KYPRIANOU TO REFER BACK TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. ROLANDIS HAD ALSO ARGUED STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IF GOBBI PUT FORWARD THE EVALUATION ON 14 OCTOBER. THIS WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE GREEK ELECTIONS AND PAPANDREOU WOULD BE BOUND TO REACT UNHELPFULLY. THE SECRETARIAT HAD MENTIONED THE IDEA THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS THAT THE EVALUATION WOULD BE PRESENTED AT A SPECIFIC LATER MEETING: ROLANDIS HAD GULPED AND TAKEN NOTE.
5. IN REPLY TO THE ARGUMENT THAT, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PROPOSED TIMING OF THE INTRODUCTION OF UN IDEAS, IT WAS VITAL THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD NOT BE SUCKED INTO A PRE-NEGOTIATION, SHERRY SAID THAT THIS POINT WAS FULLY TAKEN. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS WELL AWARE OF THE DANGERS AND WOULD RESIST THEM.
6. SHERRY SAID THAT HE WISHED IN TURN TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT POINT TO US. IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT WESTERN GOVERNMENTS WERE PRESSING THE UN TO COME FORWARD WITH IDEAS. WE SHOULD THEREFORE ACT WITH GREAT DISCRETION. HE MADE CLEAR THAT IN THE SECRETARIAT VIEW THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN INDISCREET. SHERRY SAID THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD ALREADY GOT WIND OF WESTERN REPRESENTATIONS. THEY WERE SPREADING WORD IN THE CORRIDORS HERE THAT THERE WAS A NATO PLOT TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION. ROLANDIS HAD SAID TODAY THAT AKEL WERE COOLING RAPIDLY.

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7. IT WAS NEWS TO SHERRY THAT THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM ABOUT HOLDING AN INTERCOMMUNAL MEETING ON 7 OCTOBER BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF ONAN (NICOSIA TEL NO 255). SHERRY SAID THAT THE SECRETAR- IAT WOULD ENQUIRE AND IF NECESSARY PRESS THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT WHEN TURKMEN SAW WALDHEIM ON 26 SEPTEMBER.

8. URQUHART CONFIRMED MOST OF THE ABOVE TO ME SUBSEQUENTLY. HE TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT ROLANDIS PERSONALLY WOULD BE HAPPY FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO GO AHEAD AND FELT IT ESSENTIAL THAT KYPRIANOU SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO COME TO NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. URQUHART WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE BULLDOZING METHODS OF THE AMERICANS WHICH WAS HAVING THE OPPOSITE OF THE DESIRED EFFECT ON THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. ROLANDIS HAD SAID THAT YOU HAD UNDERSTOOD THE CYPRIOT POINT OF VIEW ALTHOUGH YOU HAD NOT AGREED WITH IT; THE AMERICANS DID NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND ANYTHING. URQUHART IS PLAINLY HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TALK KYPRIANOU INTO LEAVING MELBOURNE FOR NEW YORK LATE NEXT WEEK.

9. MEANWHILE, IN HIS SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE AFTERNOON OF 24 SEPTEMBER, ROLANDIS QUOTED THE REFERENCE IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO CYPRUS. HE SAID THAT THE CYPRUS GOVERN- MENT WERE QUOTE CONSIDERING METICULOUSLY THE ABOVE POSSIBLE INITIAT- IVE. WE TRUST THAT ANY PROPOSED ACTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL BE BASED ON HIS GOOD OFFICES' MANDATE AND MUST BE WITHIN THE FRAME- WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS RELEVANT TO THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS AND THE HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENTSUNQUOTE. EARLIER IN HIS STATEMENT ROLANDIS HAD DESCRIBED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS AS QUOTE MINIMAL AND INADEQUATE UNQUOTE AND SAID THAT QUOTE THE FOREIGN OCCUPATION - AND NOT JUST QUOTE THE COUP AND SUBSEQUENT ENDS UNQUOTE - IS STILL THE CAUSE OF THE POLITICAL MALAISE WHICH PERMEATES THE COUNTRY UNQUOTE (IE AN IMPLICIT REBUKE TO WALDHEIM FOR THE WORDING OF HIS REPORT). ROLANDIS ALSO SAID THAT THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT WOULD INSIST ON A FULL-SCALE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS AT THE G.A. QUOTE OR AT A RESUMED OR OTHER SESSION LATER ON, IF DEVELOPMENTS MILITATE FOR SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION, UNQUOTE.

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