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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1034 OF 14 OCTOBER.

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, PRIORITY NICOSIA ATHENS ANKARA BONN
PARIS AND ROME.

MY TEL NO 1033: CYPRUS.

1. URQUHART BRIEFED ME THIS MORNING (14 OCTOBER). GOBBI AND SHERRY WERE PRESENT.
2. URQUHART SAID THAT WALDHEIM'S SECOND MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU HAD BEEN VERY UNPLEASANT. KYPRIANOU AND ROLANDIS HAD SAID THAT THEY WERE QUOTE AMAZED UNQUOTE BY GOBBI'S IDEAS. THEY CLAIMED DISINGENUOUSLY THAT THEY HAD KNOWN NOTHING OF THEM UNTIL THE PREVIOUS DAY. GOBBI, THEY SAID, WAS GIVING EVERYTHING TO THE TURKS AND NOTHING TO THE GREEKS. SPECIFICALLY THEY REJECTED THE ROTATING PRESIDENCY AND THE PROPOSED VETO IN THE FEDERAL COUNCIL. THEY WERE ALSO VERY CRITICAL OF THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHICH THEY PRETENDED TO BE A NEW IDEA, ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 1978 WESTERN PLAN. ON TERRITORY, THEY COMPLAINED LOUDLY ABOUT GOBBI'S INTENTION TO START FROM 30 PER CENT FOR THE TURKS: MAKARIOS HAD ONLY ALLOWED CLERIDES TO NEGOTIATE UP TO 25 PER CENT. URQUHART SAID THAT KYPRIANOU'S STATEMENT OF HIS POSITION HAD BEEN SO QUOTE PRECIPITATE AND DESTRUCTIVE UNQUOTE THAT WALDHEIM HAD HAD NO CHANCE TO DEPLOY THE TWO OPTIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF MY TEL NO 1028.
3. URQUHART SAID THAT KYPRIANOU HAD CLEARLY BEEN ENGAGED ON A WRECKING OPERATION. I ASKED WHY HE THOUGH KYPRIANOU SHOULD HAVE ACTED NOW RATHER THAN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO: HE HAD AFTER ALL TOLD THE US AND UK IN NICOSIA 3 WEEKS AGO OF HIS DISTASTE FOR GOBBI'S IDEAS (NICOSIA TEL NO 253). NO-ONE HAD A CLEAR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, THOUGH THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT KYPRIANOU HAD BEEN GAMBLING ON PAPANDEOU WINNING THE GREEK ELECTIONS.
4. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, URQUHART SAID THAT A PERIOD OF PRE-NEGOTIATION NOW SEEMED INESCAPABLE. GOBBI WOULD LEAVE FOR CYPRUS TONIGHT OR TOMORROW AND WOULD TRY TO SEE KYPRIANOU, ROLANDIS AND IOANNIDES TOGETHER TO SEE WHAT COULD BE SALVAGED. HE WOULD PROBABLY THEN GO TO ANKARA TO TRY TO KEEP THE TURKS IN THE GAME. ROLANDIS HAD TOLD GOBBI TODAY THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN GOING

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AHEAD IF CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS COULD BE MADE TO GOBBI'S IDEAS, ESPECIALLY OVER THE ROTATING PRESIDENCY AND THE VETO IN FEDERAL COUNCIL. GOBBI THOUGHT THAT KYPRIANOU DID NOT INTEND TO CONSULT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL UNTIL AFTER A FURTHER ROUND WITH GOBBI. URQUHART WAS LESS SURE ON THIS POINT. INDEED THERE SEEMED TO BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN URQUHART AND GOBBI ON KYPRIANOU'S INTENTIONS GENERALLY; URQUHART THOUGHT THAT HE WAS KEEN TO GET INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUICKLY, WHEREAS GOBBI THOUGHT THAT THIS REMAINED A LONGER TERM INTENTION.

5. MY OWN JUDGEMENT IS THAT KYPRIANOU PLAYED HIS HAND CLEVERLY WITH WALDHEIM BY SEIZING THE INITIATIVE AND GETTING HIS BLOW IN FIRST. HE MAY NOW BE TRYING TO PERSUADE THE UN TO MODIFY GOBBI'S IDEAS IN THE FAVOUR OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. IF HE SUCCEEDS, HE WOULD THEN ANNOUNCE THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO SETTLE ON THIS BASIS, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE REJECTED BY THE TURKS. HAVING THUS, AS HE WOULD HOPE, WRONG-FOOTED THE TURKS, HE WOULD GO INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6. I ASKED URQUHART WHAT WE AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD DO TO HELP. HE SAID THAT THE MAIN THING WAS TO TRY TO PREVENT THE TURKS REACTING TOO NEGATIVELY. HE WAS WORRIED THAT TURKMEN HAD GOT HIMSELF OUT ON A LIMB AND THAT HIS POSITION MIGHT INDEED BE IN DANGER. THE UN WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO MODERATE THE TURKISH REACTION AND ASK THEM TO BE PATIENT WHILE THE UN TRY TO PERSUADE KYPRIANOU TO BE MORE REASONABLE. I UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON THIS REQUEST.

7. SECONDLY, URQUHART SAID THAT THE UN WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO REINFORCE THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS NOT TO GO PUBLIC ON THE SUBSTANCE BEFORE THEY HAD TALKED FURTHER WITH GOBBI. TO JUDGE FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE KYPRIANOU GAVE IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING (SEE MIFT), THOSE EFFORTS HAVE ALREADY PARTIALLY FAILED. I SAID THAT I WOULD ENQUIRE WHETHER MINISTERS WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO KYPRIANOU AND ROLANDIS AS THEY PASS THROUGH LONDON TOMORROW. BUT I NOW UNDERSTAND (TELECON GOULDING/DAUNT) THAT THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

8. SEE MIFT.

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