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TELEGRAM NUMBER 329 OF 29 MARCH.

INFO PRIORITY NICOSIA, ANKARA, ATHENS, WASHINGTON.

YOUR TEL NO 156 TO UKMIS NEW YORK AND 76 TO ATHENS: CYPRUS.

1. I CALLED ON PEREZ DE CUELLAR THIS MORNING (29 MARCH), GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER TO PAPANDREOU AND SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE LINES IN YOUR TEL NO 176. HE READ THE LETTER CAREFULLY AND SAID THAT IT EXPRESSED PRECISELY HIS VIEWS. HE WAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY OUR SUPPORT.

2. HE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS LONGSTANDING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH KYPRIANOU TO SPEAK FRANKLY TO HIM IN ROME ABOUT THE SITUATION. AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE TURKS TO PROVIDE SOME QUOTE MEAT UNQUOTE FOR THE MEETINGS WITH KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH IN ORDER FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO PUT A STRONG CASE TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR CONTINUING TO WORK THROUGH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HE THOUGHT THAT IN ALL HONESTY THERE WAS SOME TRUTH IN THE GREEK CYPRIOTS' CHARGE THAT THE TURKS HAD BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET OVER THE YEARS. RATHER THAN GO THROUGH KIRCA, THE TURKISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK WHO TENDED TO BE SOMEWHAT INFLEXIBLE, HE WAS THINKING OF CONTACTING THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DIRECTLY TO REQUEST THE TURKS TO BE FLEXIBLE.

3. PEREZ DE CUELLAR CONCLUDED THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO KEEP THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS GOING PAST THE POINT WHEN THE GREEKS COULD SEEK RECOURSE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS SUMMER.

4. GOBBI IS LIKELY TO BE IN NEW YORK AT LEAST UNTIL 1 APRIL. BARTHOLOMEW CAME HERE TO SEE HIM ON 25 MARCH. ACCORDING TO THE US MISSION GOBBI WAS SOMEWHAT GLOOMY ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE TALKS BUT HAD STRESSED THAT HIS ONE OBJECTIVE WAS TO KEEP THEM GOING. THE AMERICANS HAD DONE THEIR BEST TO STRENGTHEN HIM IN THIS. HE HAD UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO HAVE FURTHER QUOTE TRUMP CARDS UNQUOTE FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH. HE THOUGHT THAT THESE WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE TURKS. THEY COULD BE EITHER AGREEMENT TO THE DROPPING OF RESERVATIONS ON THE POINTS OF COINCIDENCE, OR BETTER STILL SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE ON TERRITORY. THE US MISSION ARE NOW DISCUSSING WITH WASHINGTON THE POSSIBILITY OF A US APPROACH TO THE TURKS ON THESE LINES.

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