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TELEGRAM NUMBER 132 OF 7 APRIL

AND TO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, BONN, PARIS, ROME

INFO ROUTINE ANKARA, ATHENS, NICOSIA, CBFC

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YOUR TELNO 198: CYPRUS

1. WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD NOW APPROACH URQUHART. IN DOING SO PLEASE SPEAK ON THE FOLLOWING LINES.

A) WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE UN'S EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND WISH TO CONTINUE DOING SO.

B) DISCUSSION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S 'EVALUATION' OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS HAS BEEN USEFUL, AND THE TALKS HAVE PRODUCED SOME LIMITED PROGRESS. BUT DISCUSSION OF THE EVALUATION IS NOW ALMOST COMPLETE AND THE TALKS ARE IN DANGER OF RUNNING OUT OF STEAM.

C) IN ORDER THAT UN EFFORTS RETAIN CREDIBILITY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE TALKS SHOULD BE KEPT UP. NEW IDEAS NEED TO BE INJECTED.

D) THERE SEEMS NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF GETTING THE PARTIES TO AGREE TO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. NOR IS ANY ALTERNATIVE TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ATTRACTIVE. AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD NOT LEAD TO PROGRESS. IT WOULD BECOME A PROPAGANDA BATTLE AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNHELPPFUL MEDDLING BY THE RUSSIANS.

E) WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOBBI HAS BEEN WORKING ON A NEW SCHEME FOR A STAGED APPROACH TO A SETTLEMENT. (AS RECOMMENDED IN NICOSIA TELNO 61 YOU MAY SHOW THAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOBBI'S IDEAS BUT SHOULD NOT REVEAL THAT WE HAVE SEEN THE ACTUAL TEXT.) IN OUR VIEW THESE IDEAS REPRESENT THE BEST AVAILABLE MEANS OF CARRYING FORWARD THE INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE. (YOU SHOULD DRAW ON PARA 3 OF NICOSIA TELNO 61.)

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F) THE FIRST REACTIONS OF SOME GREEK CYPRIOTS, INCLUDING MAVROMMATIS, HAVE BEEN NOT UNFAVOURABLE. IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT KYPRIANOU WOULD BE NEGATIVE. BUT PEREZ DE CUELLAR NEED NOT BE PUT OFF BY THIS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN A FULL PICTURE OF GOBBI'S PROPOSALS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT GOBBI SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO EXPLORE HIS IDEAS FURTHER WITH BOTH SIDES. IT APPEARS (FROM NICOSIA TELNO 62) THAT GOBBI THINKS HE IS DEBARRED FROM FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AT THE MOMENT.

2. IF URQUHART CASTS DOUBT ON GOBBI'S IDEAS YOU SHOULD ASK WHAT ALTERNATIVES PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAS IN MIND. YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UN TAKING ACTION, AND BEING SEEN TO TAKE ACTION, DURING THE 'PERIOD OF OPPORTUNITY' THIS YEAR. YOU MAY ALSO SAY THAT IT WILL BE IMPORTANT, IF WE AND OTHERS ARE TO MAINTAIN OUR SUPPORT, FOR THE UN TO BE SEEN TO BE ACTIVE.

3. FOR WASHINGTON. PLEASE TELL THE AMERICANS IN DETAIL OF THIS APPROACH AND SUGGEST THAT THEY ACT SIMILARLY.

4. FOR BONN, PARIS AND ROME. PLEASE TELL HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT WE ARE APPROACHING THE UN SECRETARIAT ON THIS QUESTION. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT OUR INTENTION IS TO RE-ITERATE SUPPORT FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, TO EXPRESS OUR VIEW THAT NEW IDEAS SHOULD BE INJECTED INTO THEM BY THE UN AND TO ENQUIRE FURTHER ABOUT WHAT PLANS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OR GOBBI HAVE FOR USING THE 'PERIOD OF OPPORTUNITY' THIS YEAR. AT THIS STAGE YOU SHOULD NOT (NOT) GIVE ANY MORE DETAILS OF GOBBI'S PLANS.

5. WE SHALL CONSIDER LATER, IN LIGHT OF URQUHART'S REACTIONS, WHETHER TO CONCERT APPROACHES TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE AMERICANS AND THE OTHER THREE EUROPEANS.

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