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TELEGRAM NO 288 OF 15 NOVEMBER 1983.

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INFO ROUTINE PARIS, ROME, BONN, UKDEL NATO, MODUK AND CBFC.

YOUR TEL 219 : TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF STATEHOOD.

DINOS MICHAELIDES, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER (WITH IAKOVOU AND VENIAMIN AWAY) SUMMONED ME ON THE EVENING OF 15 NOVEMBER TO COMMUNICARE TWO

MESSAGES FROM KYPRIANOU TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. THE FIRST (IN MIFT) WAS PREPARED AFTER THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REPORTED IN YOUR TUR. I GOT MICHAELIDES TO CONFIRM THAT THE REFERENCES TO "DEFENCE" IN THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS DID NOT (NOT) CONSTITUTE REFERENCE TO ANY KIND OF MILITARY ACTION, WHICH NO-ONE WAS CONTEMPLATING.

3. THE SECOND MESSAGE OF WARM SATISFACTION (IN MY SECOND MIFT) WAS PREPARED AFTER THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE FCO SPOKESMAN. MICHAELIDES IMPLIED THAT IT HAD REALLY OVERTAKEN THE FIRST MESSAGE. NEITHER SEEMS TO ME TO CALL FOR A REPLY AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE.

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