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YOUR TELNOS 1934 AND 1945: CYPRUS

1. WHEN LADY YOUNG SAW EAGLEBURGER THIS MORNING, SHE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UK AND US KEEPING CLOSELY IN TOUCH. EAGLEBURGER READILY AGREED, ADDING THAT WE SEEMED TO SHARE MUCH THE SAME VIEW OF THE SITUATION. EAGLEBURGER THOUGHT THINGS WOULD GET WORSE BEFORE THEY GOT BETTER. THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE GREEK LOBBY IN CONGRESS, WHICH GOES INTO RECESS TODAY. IF THERE HAD BEEN NO MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUE BY THE TIME CONGRESS RECONVENED IN JANUARY, THE ADMINISTRATION COULD EXPECT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE TO CUT OFF ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, EVEN THOUGH SUCH ACTION IN THE PAST HAD

RECOVERED IN JANUARY, THE ADMINISTRATION
COULD EXPECT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE TO CUT OFF ALL MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, EVEN THOUGH SUCH ACTION IN THE PAST HAD
MANIFESTLY FAILED TO INFLUENCE TURKISH POLICIES. HE INTENDED FOR THE
MOMENT TO TRY TO MAINTAIN THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME, BUT
HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD TO
GUARD AGAINST VOICING EXCESSIVE CRITICISM WHICH MIGHT LATER BE
PLAYED BACK AGAINST THEM BY THE CONGRESS.

2. LADY YOUNG SAID YOU HAD TOLD TURKMEN THIS MORNING THAT
WE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO QUESTION OF ANY INCREASE IN TURKISH
FORCES ON THE ISLAND. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF THE AMERICANS WERE
TO MAKE THE SAME POINT TO THE TURKS. EAGLEBURGER TOOK NOTE.

3. EAGLEBURGER AGREED THAT CONTINUING UN INVOLVEMENT REPRESENTED
THE BEST WAY FORWARD. THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED TO BELIEVE
THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD. BUT EAGLEBURGER
EXPECTED CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE
THE INITIATIVE. HE HALF-JOKINGLY PICKED UP A SUGGESTION BY HAASS
(CYPRUS COORDINATOR) THAT THE UK MIGHT WISH TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR
BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS. LADY YOUNG SAID THAT
IT WAS MOST UNLIKELY THAT WE WOULD WISH TO DO THIS.

EAGLEBURGER'S REMARKS UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES
TO KEEP CLOSELY IN TOUCH.

4. EAGLEBURGER SAW A NEED TO RESTRAIN THE GREEKS FROM ACTING
EVEN MORE UNWISELY THAN THEY COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO. HE
SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT BE BETTER PLACED THAN THE AMERICANS TO
APPROACH THE GREEKS IN ORDER TO GET THEM TO MODERATE THEIR
RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH ACTION, WHILE THE AMERICANS MIGHT
HAVE MORE INFLUENCE IN ANKARA.

5. AS AN ASIDE, EAGLEBURGER SUGGESTED THAT NOW THAT THE TURKISH
CYPRIOTS HAD ACHIEVED WHAT THEY WOULD REGARD AS EQUALITY WITH
THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THEY MIGHT FEEL PSYCHOLOGICALLY MORE DISPOSED
TO BE FLEXIBLE IN FURTHER TALKS. THE PROBLEM WOULD BE IN
GETTING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TALKS. HE THOUGHT
THAT DEKNTASH'S PROPOSALS ON VAROSHA AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
WERE HELPFUL SIGNS, BUT LADY YOUNG MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE
DOUBTED THAT THEY COULD LEAD TO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS.

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