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YOUR TELNO 1976: CYPRUS

1. WE TOOK SHERMAN AND DILLERY (STATE DEPARTMENT) SEPARATELY THROUGH THESE POINTS TODAY AND URGED THAT THE AMERICANS SHOULD PUT THEM TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND SECRETARIAT. THEY TOOK NOTE. ALL OUR POINTS WERE WELL TAKEN. NOT LEAST FOR THEIR OWN DOMESTIC REASONS, THE AMERICANS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF URGENCY IN NEW YORK. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD HINTED TO THEM THAT THE DUST MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS: THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE. HE SHOULD EITHER APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO GOBBI SOON OR TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE HIMSELF.
2. SHERMAN SAID THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSIDER URGENTLY A FURTHER APPROACH TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. HAASS WAS PLANNING A VISIT TO NEW YORK EARLY NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT CYPRUS WOULD BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA FOR SHULTZ'S BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH YOU IN THE MARGIN OF THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING.
3. SHERMAN SAID THAT TURKMEN HAD TAKEN A STRONG LINE IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SHULTZ IN WASHINGTON ON 22 NOVEMBER. THE US/TURKISH RELATIONSHIP SHOULD NOT BE DEPENDENT ON CONGRESSIONAL WHIMS: THEY HAD MUTUAL SECURITY INTERESTS WHICH NEEDED TO BE FOSTERED. THE AMERICANS HAD STRESSED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEM WAS ONE FOR TURKEY AS WELL AS THE ADMINISTRATION: THERE WAS A REAL RISK OF AN ARMS EMBARGO. THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID THAT SOME MOVE, FOR EXAMPLE TROOP WITHDRAWALS, WAS NEEDED FROM THE TURKISH SIDE. TURKMEN'S REACTION HAD BEEN LESS NEGATIVE THAN THE AMERICANS HAD EXPECTED AND HAD HINTED AT POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY. STRAUSS-HUPE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP IN ANKARA AFTER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.
4. SHERMAN MENTIONED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA. THE AMERICANS WERE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT EXACTLY DENKTASH HAD IN MIND: THERE SEEMED TO BE A POSSIBILITY THAT HE ENVISAGED OPENING FOR GREEK-CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT A LARGER SECTOR OF VAROSHA THAN HAD BEEN ENVISAGED IN THE 1980 MINI-PACKAGE. SHERMAN ASKED WHETHER WE COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON THIS.

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