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M.h.P.T. (NOT TO ALL): CYPRUS: GUARANTOG POWER CONSULTATIONS

SUMMARY

1. PAPANDEOU EXPLAINS THAT AT HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER
HE WOULD WANT TO ASK ABOUT HER INTENTIONS IN PROPOSING REACTIVATION
OF THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE AND ABOUT THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED.

2. PAPANDEOU ~~WAS~~ IN REFUSAL TO TALK DIRECTLY TO TURKS WITHOUT
REVOCATION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT UDH.

3. CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT PAPANDEOU IS LOOKING TO US TO PULL
HIS CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE AND CALCULATES THAT WE SHOULD TAKE
A GOOD SHARE OF BLAME FOR FAILURE.

DETAIL

4. WHEN WE HAD FINISHED DISCUSSING THE ATHENS COUNCIL, PAPANDEOU
HIMSELF RAISED HIS PROPOSAL FOR A PRIVATE TALK WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER ABOUT CYPRUS.

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5. HE SAID THAT HE HAD REPORTED HIS SUGGESTION AND HAD NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT MRS THATCHER WOULD NOT BE READY TO DISCUSS CYPRUS WITH HIM. IT WOULD HELP IF HE COULD HAVE AN INDICATION OF THE POINTS WHICH HE WISHED TO PUT TO HER.

6. PAPANDEOU SAID THAT HE WOULD PUT THE QUESTION THE OTHER WAY ROUND. WHAT DID THE PRIME MINISTER HAVE IN MIND BY HER PROPOSAL TO REACTIVATE THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE? WHAT SUBJECTS WOULD THOSE CONCERNED BE EXAMINING? HE THEN WENT ON TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:-

- (A) THE GREEKS WERE VERY FRIGHTENED OF TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GUARANTOR POWERS. THEY FORESAW THE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE WHICH WOULD LEAVE THE SITUATION WORSE THAN AT PRESENT. THAT WAS TO SAY NOTHING OF THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO SIT DOWN WITH THE TURKS AFTER WHAT HAD OCCURRED (SEMICOLON) AND TO APPEAR TO LEGITIMISE A FAIT ACCOMPLI WITH TURKISH TROOPS STILL OCCUPYING NORTH CYPRUS (SEMICOLON)
- (B) THE GREEKS WERE FED UP WITH A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF MAKING CONCESSIONS. THERE HAD TO BE A LIMIT (SEMICOLON) THIS HAD NOW BEEN REACHED (SEMICOLON)
- (C) NEITHER THE GREEKS, NOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, WERE READY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS, OR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNLESS THE DECLARATION OF UDIH HAD BEEN REVOKED (SEMICOLON)
- (D) IN VIEW OF (A) TO (C) ABOVE, THE GREEKS SAW NO ALTERNATIVE TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITAIN, COMPLEMENTED BY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND TURKEY. MRS THATCHER COULD PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE. THE ONLY COURSE FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WAS BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. THE GREEKS SAW THE NEED TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH MILITARY ACTION WAS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE EXPLOSIVE STATE OF THE AREA (SEMICOLON)
- (E) NO GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD EVER DISCUSSED DETAILS OF THE CYPGUS PROBLEM WITH TURKEY. PAPANDEOU WAS NOT GOING TO BREAK THAT RULE.

7. HE SAID THAT HE SUPPOSED THAT IF THERE WERE AN OFFER FROM THE TURKISH SIDE WHICH THE CYPRIOTS JUDGED SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE TO MERIT EXAMINATION, THE GREEK SIDE (HE EMPHASISED THAT HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING THAT THE GREEKS WOULD BE THE ONES TO ASSESS THE MERITS OF ANY TURKISH OFFER OR TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT IT) MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT.

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9. PAPANDEOU SAID THAT THE BEST TIME FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE COUNCIL ON 4 DECEMBER.

COMMENT

10. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION OF THE WAY IN WHICH PAPANDEOU SPOKE WAS THAT HE IS AIMING TO GET US TO PULL HIS CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE. NO DOUBT HE ALSO CALCULATES THAT IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE WE SHALL BE LANDED WITH A GOOD SHARE OF THE BLAME. HE TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR REALISM, BUT HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY CONTACT WITH THE TURKISH SIDE GIVES NO SIGN OF A WILLINGNESS TO WORK DIRECTLY FOR A SOLUTION WHETHER UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GUARANTEE TREATY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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