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INFO IMMEDIATE ATHENS (FOR SECRETARY OF STATE'S PARTY), ANKARA,
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CYPRUS: GUARANTOR POWER CONSULTATIONS.

THE CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSIONER TELPHONED THE FCO YESTERDAY ON INSTRUCTIONS TO PASS ON COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, AND IN PARTICULAR ABOUT HER ANSWER TO A SUPPLEMENTARY ON CYPRUS FROM MR NORMAN ATKINSON MP.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: 'IT MAY BE THAT BY GETTING TALKS GOING BETWEEN PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND MR DENKTASH ONE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP TO RESTORE THE UNITARY STATE OF CYPRUS.' PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WAS ANXIOUS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT SEEM TO ENCOURAGE TALKS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MR DENKTASH BEFORE THE PURPORTED TURKISH-CYPRIOIOT DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN REVERSED. HE WOULD BE VERY READY TO TALK TO MR DENKTASH BUT ONLY AFTER REVERSAL.

PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ALSO SAID, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS ABOUT TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE, THAT HE CONTINUED TO HOLD THE POSITION HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN LONDON AND NEW DELHI. HE DID NOT WANT THE POSSIBILITY OF PARALLED EXCHANGES (BETWEEN THE UK AND

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GREECE AND THE UK AND TURKEY) TO BE EXCLUDED, .AT LEAST AT FIRST.
BOTH THE PRESENCE OF TURKISH TROOPS IN CYPRUS AND THE PURPORTED
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE MADE TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS DIFFICULT.
PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WAS WORRIED THAT THESE REMARKS BY THE PRIME
MINISTER MIGHT BE EXPLOITED IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA. ASKED TO CLARIFY,
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID THAT IN ATHENS THE OPPOSITION MIGHT
EXPLOIT THESE REMARKS: AND IN NICOSIA AKEL AND OTHERS. (THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER AT NO POINT SUGGESTED THAT EITHER THE TURKS OR
TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD 'EXPLOIT' THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS.)
PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HOPED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT REPEAT
SIMILAR REMARKS. MEANWHILE HE WOULD REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING HIMSELF
AND HOPED THEREBY TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD RELATIONS HE HAD ESTABLISHED
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AT THEIR RECENT MEETINGS IN LONDON AND
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