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FROM MARGETSON

MIPT: CYPRUS: SECURITY COUNCIL

1. I SAW THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT HIS REQUEST THIS AFTERNOON, 2 MAY.
2. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OPENED BY SAYING THAT THE UK OCCUPIED A SPECIAL POSITION ON CYPRUS AND THAT HE HAD MUCH APPRECIATED THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND LADY YOUNG IN LONDON RECENTLY. HE WAS NOW FACING A RATHER DIFFICULT SITUATION AT WHICH IT WAS USELESS TO CONCEAL HIS FRUSTRATION. HE HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A FORMULA TO PAVE THE WAY TOWARDS A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE BUT HAD BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED BY THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO HAD UNDERMINED HIS EFFORTS BY CONSOLIDATING INSTEAD OF FREEZING UDI. HE HAD FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO RESTRAIN HIS TEMPER.
3. WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WAS VERY STRONG COMMITMENT BY THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND THE PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT. THIS WAS NOT AN EAST/WEST ISSUE AND IF THERE WAS ONE ISSUE ON WHICH THE FIVE HAD ALWAYS AGREED IT WAS CYPRUS. HE HOPED THAT THE FIVE WOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A DIRECT APPEAL, WHETHER TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY, TO THE TWO SIDES TO IMPRESS ON THEM BOTH THEIR CONCERN AND THEIR INTEREST IN A RAPID RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON A BASIS WHICH HE HOPED HE COULD FURNISH AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT.

ON THIS THE SECRETARY GENERAL CONFESSED THAT HE HAD EXHAUSTED

~~APPROPRIATE MOMENT.~~

4. ON THIS THE SECRETARY GENERAL CONFESSED THAT HE HAD EXHAUSTED HIS IMAGINATION WITH HIS FIVE POINTS, WHOSE CHANCES OF SUCCESS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY DENKTASH. NEVERTHELESS HE HAD SEEN NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO OFFER TO CONTINUE HIS MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES (PARA 23 OF HIS REPORT TELEGRAPHED IN MY TELNO 438 (NOT TO ALL)). "BUT REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT". HE HOPED THAT THE FIVE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PIN THE TURKISH SIDE DOWN TO A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND A FEDERAL SOLUTION, NEITHER OF WHICH THEY HAD EVER ABJURED.
5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS I SOUGHT TO EXTRACT MORE DETAIL FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL. I ASKED WHAT THE REACTION OF THE OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS HAD BEEN. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD SEEN THE FRENCH, RUSSIANS AND CHINESE AND WOULD BE SEEING MRS KIRKPATRICK TOMORROW. THE THREE HE HAD SEEN WERE ALL INTERESTED BUT SEEMED TO BE UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD SOME FORMULA, "WHICH I HONESTLY DO NOT". I ASKED WHAT FORM HE THOUGHT SUCH AN INITIATIVE MIGHT TAKE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT THINKING OF A STATEMENT BY THE FIVE IN THE COUNCIL; INDEED HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE RIGHT TO "INTERFERE" WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE AT ALL. BUT HE HOPED THAT THE FIVE COULD AGREE ON A DEMARCHE, WHETHER JOINT OR SEVERAL, TO THE PARTIES. IDEALLY THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE WHILE KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH WERE STILL IN NEW YORK AND IDEALLY THE FIVE WOULD EXPRESS "IMMUTABLE PRINCIPLES" APPLICABLE TO CYPRUS, PERHAPS DRAWN FROM THE POINTS THAT HAD BEEN AGREED BY BOTH SIDES IN THE HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENTS. SIMILAR DEMARCHES COULD BE MADE TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.
6. I THANKED THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT WHAT HE HAD SAID TO YOU. HE COULD TAKE IT THAT WE WERE FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF HIS GOOD OFFICES AND GRATEFUL FOR HIS REPORT WHICH WHILE FACTUAL AND UNEMOTIONAL LEFT NO DOUBT IN THE MIND OF THE READER AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT DEADLOCK. ON A PERSONAL BASIS I SUGGESTED THAT THE VALUE OF HIS PROPOSAL LAY IN THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT IT WOULD GIVE TO THOSE GOOD OFFICES WHICH WERE THE ONLY VEHICLE FOR PROGRESS. AS I WAS LEAVING THE SECRETARY GENERAL ASKED FOR HELP WITH THE AMERICANS FROM WHOM HE SAID HE EXPECTED DIFFICULTIES.
7. I HAPPENED TO SEE THE SOVIET PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AFTER MY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL. HE SAID THAT HE HAD FOUND THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSAL "VERY INTERESTING" AND WAS PASSING IT TO MOSCOW.
8. SEE MIFT (NOT TO ALL).

THOMSON