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SUMMARY

1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL EXPLAINED HIS APPROACH TO FORTHCOMING TALKS IN VIENNA. HE DOES NOT INTEND TO PUT FORWARD A PIECE OF PAPER BUT HOPES TO ESTABLISH WORKING HYPOTHESES ON WHICH IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO BUILD. HE DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE FROM US AT THIS STAGE.

DETAIL

2. MY CALL TODAY, 24 JULY, ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO DISCUSS THE FALKLANDS (REPORTED SEPARATELY) GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK HIM PERSONALLY FOR AN UP TO DATE ACCOUNT OF HIS THINKING ON CYPRUS.

3. I SAID THAT WE JUDGED THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE THE ONLY ONES THAT STOOD A CHANCE OF SUCCESS AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW HIS MIND WAS WORKING. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HIS INTENTION IN VIENNA WOULD BE TO SPEND TWO DAYS WORKING SEPARATELY WITH IACOVOU (IN THE MORNING) AND ERTEKUN (IN THE AFTERNOON). HE DID NOT INTEND TO GIVE EITHER OF THEM ANY PIECE OF PAPER BUT TO GET

NOT INTEND TO GIVE EITHER OF THEM ANY PIECE OF PAPER BUT TO GET INTO A DRAFTING EXERCISE WITH EACH OF THEM. BY WORKING WITH THEM QUIETLY IN THIS WAY HE HOPED IT WOULD PROVE IMPOSSIBLE FOR EITHER OF THEM TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD MADE SUCH AND SUCH A PROPOSAL AND THEN REJECT IT. HE ENVISAGED GIVING THE TWO PARTIES TWO OR THREE WEEKS TO SEE WHETHER THE GROUND EXISTED FOR A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH IN SEPTEMBER AT WHICH HE COULD OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF AGREED POINTS OR WORKING HYPOTHESES. WORK ON THE DETAIL COULD BE RESUMED IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE MECHANISM.

4. I SAID THAT THIS APPROACH SEEMED ADMIRABLE. I WONDERED WHETHER THE HYPOTHESES WOULD DEAL WITH GENERAL ISSUES SUCH AS TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTION OR SPECIFICS SUCH AS VAROSHA. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A MIXTURE OF THE TWO. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING ON VAROSHA AND SOME CONSTITUTIONAL POINTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HIS ASPIRATION, WHICH HE ADMITTED MIGHT PROVE OPTIMISTIC, WAS THAT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR SO THERE MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF "VERY WEAK, VAGUE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT". THIS WOULD HAVE TO START AS SOMETHING RATHER EMBRYONIC TO WHICH MORE AND MORE FUNCTIONS COULD BE ADDED. BUT IT WOULD GET OVER THE PROBLEM OF THE CREEPING CONSOLIDATION OF UDI.

5. I ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ACTION THAT HE WOULD LIKE US TO TAKE. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT WHAT HE NEEDED WAS AN OPEN MIND ON BOTH SIDES. BUT HE DID NOT WANT TO COMMIT US AND THE AMERICANS (WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS VERY MUCH DISTRUSTED BY BOTH PARTIES) TOO MUCH TO HIS FIRST EFFORTS WHICH HE WOULD PREFER TO PRESENT AS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT ONES OF HIS OWN THOUGH ENJOYING THE GENERAL BACKING OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS. AT A LATER STAGE HE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, ASK FOR HELP ON A SPECIFIC POINT. I SAID WE WOULD STAND BY.

6. IN THE COURSE OF THE ACCOUNT HE GAVE ME OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOE (REPORTED SEPARATELY) PEREZ DE CUELLAR STRESSED HOW STRUCK HE HAD BEEN BY THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT WHICH GROMYKO HAD EXPRESSED FOR HIS EFFORTS ON CYPRUS. IN AN IMPROVISED SPEECH GROMYKO HAD SPOKEN OF THE NEED TO GIVE THE SECRETARY GENERAL "AUTHORITY AND BACKING". I SAID THAT I THOUGHT OUR SUPPORT WAS PERHAPS MORE SINCERE. IT HAD BEEN THE RUSSIANS AFTER ALL WHO TORPEDOED HIS ATTEMPT TO SET UP FIVE POWER ACTION DURING THE LAST SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HE NEVERTHELESS EXPECTED THE RUSSIANS TO EXERT THE NECESSARY PRESSURE ON THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THROUGH PAPAIA-
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