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SUMMARY

1. KYPRIANOU HAS BRIEFED THE GREEKS ON THE PROXIMITY TALKS. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN GREEK POSITION.

DETAIL

2. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU RETURNED FROM INDIA WITH PAPANDREOU AND STAYED IN ATHENS ON 5 - 6 NOVEMBER TO BRIEF PAPANDREOU, PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS AND THE LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNIST PARTIES ON THE SECOND ROUND OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS. NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE HAS EMERGED BUT PESSIMISM PREVAILS. LACK OF PROGRESS IS BLAMED ON TURKISH AND TURKISH CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE. THERE IS SOME TENDENCY TO BLAME THE AMERICANS (AND OTHERS INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION) FOR FAILURE TO PUT SUFFICIENT PRESSURE ON THE TURKS. PAPANDREOU REAFFIRMED GREEK SUPPORT FOR KYPRIANOU'S EFFORTS AND FOR THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE. PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KYPRIANOU AND KARAMANLIS WERE QUICKLY SQUASHED BUT ALLOWED THE OPPOSITION LEADER, MITSOTAKIS, TO STATE THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS TOO SERIOUS TO ALLOW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREEK POLITICAL PARTIES.

3. IACOVOU ALSO HELD SEPARATE TALKS WITH HARALAMBOPOULOS.

4. ON 9 NOVEMBER, MY HEAD OF CHANCERY CALLED ON THE APPROPRIATE ADVISER, HIMSELF A CYPRIOT, IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. NEARCHOU GAVE LITTLE AWAY. HE DID SAY HOWEVER THAT KYPRIANOU WOULD BE APPROACHING THE THIRD ROUND WITH VERY LITTLE HOPE QUOTE BUT IN A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL UNQUOTE. NEARCHOU SAW NO PROSPECT OF TURKISH CONCESSIONS WITHOUT OUTSIDE PRESSURE. TURKISH INSISTENCE

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ON THE POLITICAL EQUALITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES WAS A FORMULA FOR ENSURING WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS AN EFFECTIVE TURKISH PROTECTORATE OVER ALL OF CYPRUS. NEARCHOU REFUSED TO SPECULATE HOW THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WOULD REACT TO A BREAKDOWN OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS SEMI COLON THEY WERE STILL PONDERING THE OPTIONS.

5. FCO PSE PASS SAVING.

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PS/MR RIFKIND

PS/MR LUCE

PS/MR. RENTON

PS/PUS

MR DEREK THOMAS

MR GOODALL

MR BRAITHWAITE

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