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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1402 OF 26 NOVEMBER
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MY TELNOS 1382 - 1384: CYPRUS: SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

1. THIRD ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS HAS BEGUN. SOME MOVEMENT BY DENKTASH.

DETAIL

2. THE THIRD ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS BEGAN TODAY, 26 NOVEMBER. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAW KYPRIANOU THIS MORNING, PARTLY IN PRIVATE, AND DENKTASH THIS AFTERNOON.
3. SHERRY BRIEFING US AND THE AMERICANS THIS EVENING SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN 'SOME INTERESTING MOVEMENT'. HE ATTRIBUTED IT IN PART TO THE INTERVENTIONS BY THE US AND OURSELVES. THE MOVEMENT HAD COME IN THE MEETING WITH DENKTASH. THE MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU HAD LARGELY BEEN CONFINED TO 'GENERALITIES'.
4. DENKTASH HAD GIVEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL A NON-PAPER BASED ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REVISED HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENT OF 22 OCTOBER. (THIS MAY BE THE TURKISH TEXT IN MY TELNO 1384.) HE ACCEPTED THE BULK OF THE DRAFT HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENT ('AGENDA'). IN PARTICULAR HE ACCEPTED THREE LINKED CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION MACHINERY, FOR PERMITTING CONTINUING LEGISLATION IN CASES OF DEADLOCK AND FOR A TRIPARTITE COURT WHICH WOULD FUNCTION AS A 'CONSEIL D'ETAT'. (SHERRY NOTED THAT NOT ALL THESE POINTS WERE ACTUALLY WRITTEN INTO THE AGENDA.) HE WAS HOWEVER PRESSING FOR A NUMBER OF CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS EG TO HAVE A TURKISH-

FOR A NUMBER OF CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS EG TO HAVE A TURKISH-CYPRIOU FOREIGN MINISTER IF THERE WAS A GREEK CYPRIOT PRESIDENT AND FOR ALL CABINET DECISIONS TO NEED THE AGREEMENT OF AT LEAST ONE TURKISH-CYPRIOU MINISTER. ON TERRITORY DENKTASH HAD COME DOWN AND WAS 'STRADDLING 30 PERCENT'. IT WAS ASSUMED THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY AGREE TO LESS THAN 30 PERCENT BUT THERE WAS UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW MUCH LESS.

5. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL SEE BOTH KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH AGAIN TOMORROW (27 NOVEMBER). SHERRY SAID THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WANTED TO FINISH THIS ROUND OF TALKS BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND IF POSSIBLE BY THURSDAY.

6. SHERRY INCIDENTALLY HAS BEEN IN A SPOT OF HOT WATER OVER REMARKS HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE AT A UNIVERSITY SEMINAR HERE CRITICISING THE GREEK AND GREEK-CYPRIOU FOR INTRANSIGENCE AND SUGGESTING THAT IF THE GREEK-CYPRIOU WERE NOT MORE CONCILIATORY IT WOULD BE THEIR FAULT IF THE TALKS COLLAPSED. THESE REMARKS WERE APPARENTLY PICKED UP IN A DISTORTED FORM AT SECONDHAND (ACCORDING TO SHERRY) AND HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF HEADLINE ARTICLES IN THE PAPERS IN NICOSIA AND ATHENS SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR SHERRY'S REMOVAL. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPOKESMAN ISSUED A STATEMENT TODAY SAYING THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS IN FACT FOR THE VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO SHERRY AND THE REPORTS WERE A GROSS DISTORTION OF WHAT HE HAD SAID.

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