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YOUR TELNO 14 TO NICOSIA: CYPRUS SYG'S INITIATIVE

1. THE RISK, RAISED BY PANAYIDES, THAT THE TURKISH ASSEMBLY WILL PASS AN UNHELPFUL RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS, HAS NOT MATERIALISED. THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING CARE TO KEEP THE ATMOSPHERE UNDER CONTROL AND PARLIAMENTARY HARD-LINE CRITICS OF THE 'CONCESSIONARY APPROACH' WERE DISSUADED FROM TAKING MATTERS FURTHER AFTER A PLACATORY SPEECH BY HALEFOGLU IN THE ASSEMBLY ON 22 JANUARY. THERE WILL NOW BE A FURTHER PARLIAMENTARY BREATHING SPACE WHILE THE ASSMEBLY GOES INTO A PLANNED 2 WEEK RECESS FROM 25 JANUARY.

2. THE ASSESSMENT OF THE GREEK EMBASSY HERE, TO WHOM I AND MY COUNSELLOR HAVE SPOKEN, IS ALSO RELEVANT IN THIS CONTEXT. WHILE MAINTAINING THAT PAPANDREOU DID INDICATE TO KYPRIANOU THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN A SETTLEMENT, THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S

HE WAS INTERESTED IN A SETTLEMENT, THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S TACTICS HAD BEEN UNHELPFUL AND THAT DENKTASH WAS UNDULY OBDURATE. THEY RECOGNISED THAT KYPRIANOU MUST TAKE PART OF THE BLAME FOR FAILING TO RISE ABOVE HIS DOMESTIC PRE-OCCUPATIONS. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THAT HE TOOK SOME ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WAY IN WHICH ANKARA WERE EVIDENTLY SEEKING TO AVOID EXACERBATING THE SITUATION. KONSTANTOPOULOS SAID IN STRICT CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT) THAT HE HAS ADVISED ATHENS TO BEHAVE SIMILARLY IN KEEPING THE TEMPERATURE DOWN, ALSO THAT IT WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL MOVES TO CONSOLIDATE THE TRNC SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS STAGE. AT THE SAME TIME HE RECOGNISED THAT IT WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR ANKARA TO RESTRAIN DENKTASH.

3. THESE LATTER CONCERNS ARE TO AN EXTENT UNDER-SCORED BY REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO DENKTASH AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT WHILE RETURNING TO CYPRUS YESTERDAY. ALTHOUGH HE SEEMS TO HAVE SPOKEN ELSEWHERE IN RATHER MORE RESTRAINED TERMS (NOTABLY TO THE BBC WORLD SERVICE AND TO THE ENGLISH DAILY NEWS HERE). HE IS QUOTED IN THE LEADING QUALITY DAILY PAPER MILLIYET AS FOLLOWS: 'IT WOULD NOT BE AN INTELLIGENT MOVE ON OUR PART TO SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE WITH THIS PACKAGE AND DISCUSS EVERYTHING WITH THEM. THAT PART OF THE GAME IS OVER. THIS PACKAGE IS DEAD. HOLDING ANOTHER SUMMIT IN FEBRUARY AS PROPOSED BY DE CUELLAR IS OUT OF THE QUESTION AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE A POLITICAL EVALUATION, AND WE WILL'. IT IS HOWEVER SOME COMFORT THAT THERE ARE NO REPORTS HERE OF DENKTASH HAVING REJECTED ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR OF HAVING COMMITTED HIMSELF (YET) TO FURTHER STATE-BUILDING ACTIVITY.

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