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YOUR TEL 18 : MEETING WITH DENKTASH : 29 JANUARY.

SUMMARY.

DENKTASH INSISTENT THAT ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE BEFORE A NEW HIGH LEVEL MEETING, BUT OPEN TO CONTINUED CONTACTS IN NICOSIA EITHER DIRECT OR THROUGH THE UN. HIS READINESS TO STUDY THE MODALITIES OF DEMILITARISATION AND TO CONSIDER STARTING MEASURES FOR MILITARY DECONFRONTATION.

1. I DECIDED TO GIVE THE POINTS IN PARAS 3 TO 5 OF YOUR TUR TO DENKTASH IN WRITING. HE TOOK THEM KINDLY, DESCRIBING THEM AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND APPRECIATIVE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PARTIES WERE IN A SENSE CLOSER TOGETHER THAN PREVIOUSLY. INSOFAR AS THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS THE MAIN ISSUES, THOUGH HE CHARGED THAT KYPRIANOU'S IDEAS ABOUT THE THREE FREEDOMS TOTALLY UNDERMINED THE PRINCIPLE OF BI-ZONALITY.

2. AS I EXPECTED, DENKTASH SAID THAT HE HAD WARNED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. IN KYPRIANOU'S PRESENCE, THAT BECAUSE

SECRETARY GENERAL, IN KYPRIANOU'S PRESENCE, THAT BECAUSE OF THE POPULAR MISGIVINGS WHICH HAD BEEN WHIPPED UP (INCLUDING BY SOME MEMBERS OF HIS OWN PARTY, WHOM HE HAD JUST BEEN TICKING OFF) ABOUT THE KIND OF SETTLEMENT HE WAS PURSUING, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE AIR AND GET A PROPER MANDATE. HE SAID THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD IMMEDIATELY COMMENTED TO KYPRIANOU THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE MIGHT NEED TO DO THE SAME, TO WHICH KYPRIANOU HAD ASSENTED. THIS, DENKTASH THOUGHT, ACCOUNTED FOR THE RELATIVELY RESTRAINED GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS IN THE NORTH. DENKTASH EXPLAINED THAT THE REASONS FOR THE CHOICE OF JUNE WERE THAT THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (EG FOR VOTER REGISTRATION) MEANT THAT ELECTIONS COULD NOT BE HELD BEFORE 15 MAY AT THE EARLIEST, AND THAT IT WAS ONLY SENSIBLE TO WAIT UNTIL JUNE SO THAT THE FOUR THOUSAND CYPRIOT STUDENTS IN TURKEY COULD RETURN AND VOTE. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE INTENDED TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT FOR THE PRESIDENCY BUT WITH THE SUPPORT, HE HOPED, OF MORE THAN ONE PARTY.

3. ALTHOUGH DENKTASH MAINTAINED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL AGITATION IN THE NORTH, HE COULD NOT ATTEND A NEW HIGH LEVEL MEETING BEFORE THE ELECTIONS AND THAT IN ANY CASE THERE WAS NO POINT IN HAVING A RE-RUN OF THE NEW YORK MEETING, HE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD ASSURED KYPRIANOU THAT HE WOULD BE READY TO REMAIN IN CONTACT IN NICOSIA EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A SHUTTLE CONDUCTED BY HOLGER (I DETECTED A POLITICAL PREFERENCE FOR THE LATTER, AS BEING LOWER PROFILE). IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION, DENKTASH CONFIRMED THAT, EVEN DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, HE WOULD BE READY TO ADDRESS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM THROUGH SUCH CONTACTS. THE PERIOD NEED NOT THEREFORE BE WASTED.

4. WHEN I INVITED DENKTASH TO DEFINE THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH SIDE ON THE LEVEL OF FORCES WHICH TURKEY WOULD NEED TO RETAIN IN CYPRUS, HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. THE FOCUS HAD BEEN RATHER ON THE NECESSITY FOR RETAINING THE TURKISH GUARANTEE. HE ASKED ABOUT THE BRITISH POSITION ON REMAINING A GUARANTOR POWER. I SAID THAT I DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WAS A FORMAL POSITION ON THIS YET BUT I THOUGHT THERE WAS A CLEAR CONSENSUS AMONG OFFICIALS IN FAVOUR OF STICKING WITH THE 1960 TREATY BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY, IF NOT IMPOSSIBILITY, OF THE PARTIES REACHING AGREEMENT ON ANYTHING ELSE.

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5. WHEN I MENTIONED TO DENKTASH THE GREAT PROMINENCE GIVEN BY GREEK CYPRIOTS TO THE TROOP WITHDRAWALS ISSUE AND SUGGESTED, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, THAT IT MIGHT BE POLITICALLY HELPFUL IF HE INVITED THE UN TO PRODUCE AN OUTLINE SCHEME OF ALL THE VARIOUS STEPS THAT WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN IN A CAREFULLY PHASED PROGRAMME OF DEMILITARISATION, HE SAID THAT HE FEARED THIS WOULD LEAK AND ONLY INCREASE THE POPULAR MISGIVINGS IN THE NORTH ABOUT ANY WEAKENING OF TURKEY'S ABILITY TO PROTECT THEM. HE ASKED ME TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL THE FACT THAT HE HAD ALREADY ASKED HIS OWN MILITARY PEOPLE TO STUDY THE MODALITIES OF DEMILITARISATION. HE WAS HOWEVER MORE FORTHCOMING ON TWO OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT BE DONE IN THIS FIELD:-

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(A) HE SEEMED UNAWARE OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH MINES HAS BEEN LAID BY BOTH SIDES IN FRONT OF AND ALONG THEIR CEASE-FIRE LINES, AND OF THE PRACTICAL DELAY WHICH THIS COULD IMPOSE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SETTLEMENT. HE UNDERTOOK TO FOLLOW UP WITH HIS MILITARY PEOPLE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A PROPOSAL TO START LIFTING THESE MINES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

(B) HE HIMSELF SUGGESTED THAT UNFICYP SHOULD PURSUE THEIR IDEAS FOR DECONFRONTATION MEASURES, PARTICULARLY BY THE DRAWING BACK OF MILITARY POSTS IN NICOSIA, WHERE THEY ARE SO DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TOGETHER. HE MIGHT INCLUDE THIS SUGGESTION, AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

6. I HAVE DEBRIEFED HOLGER (UN), WHO IS RESUMING HIS OWN CONTACTS, AS IS MY U.S. COLLEAGUE. KYPRIANOU HAS GIVEN ME AN APPOINTMENT FOR TOMORROW, AND I WILL REPORT AGAIN THEREAFTER.

7. FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES.

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