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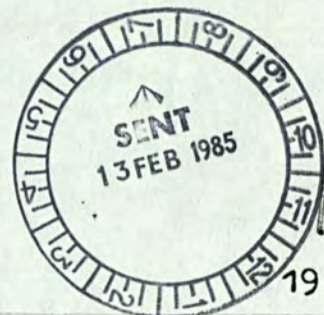
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MY TWO IPT'S CYPRUS: SECRETARY OF STATE'S TALKS IN ANKARA

COMMENT

1. THE DEGREE OF TURKISH DISENCHANTMENT WAS CLEAR BOTH WITH KYPRIANOU AND WITH PAPANDREOU WHOM THEY REGARD AS DETERMINED TO MAKE AS MUCH DIFFICULTY FOR THEM AS POSSIBLE. BUT NEITHER HALEFOGLY NOR EVREN SLAMMED THE DOOR ON THE SEARCH FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. INDEED BOTH REAFFIRMED THAT IT WAS TURKEY'S POLICY TO SECURE A SETTLEMENT AND TO SUPPORT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE.

2. THE MAIN ELEMENTS IN THE TURKISH POSITION NOW SEEM TO BE:-

(A) THEY WILL ALLOW DENKTASH TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS ELECTIONS AND WITH SOME AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONS (BUT SEE PARA 3. BELOW).

(B) THEY HAVE NEITHER WITHDRAWN FROM NOR CONFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE 17 JANUARY PROPOSALS, BUT IN PRACTICE THEY APPEAR TO ACCEPT THAT WHAT HAS BEEN PUT ON THE TABLE CANNOT CREDIBLY BE WITHDRAWN.

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WITHDRAWN.

(C) THEY DECLINE TO BE DRAWN FURTHER ON TROOP WITHDRAWALS BUT THE PRESIDENT SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY STAND BY THE 17 JANUARY FORMULA.

(D) ALTHOUGH DENKTASH HAS NOW STAKED OUT HIS POSITION THAT NEITHER HIGH LEVEL NOR LOWER LEVEL MEETINGS WILL BE POSSIBLE BEFORE 23 JUNE, EVREN'S COMMENT THAT WHILE A SUMMIT BEFORE THEN IS NOT ON, CONTACTS MAY BE POSSIBLE SEEMS A MORE LIKELY FORMULA. IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OR HOLGER CAN ARRANGE 'CONTACTS', DENKTASH MIGHT WRIGGLE BUT WOULD NO DOUBT GO ALONG WITH PRESSURE FROM ANKARA.

3. REFERENCE (A) ABOVE, WE HAVE ONE FURTHER GLOSS. IN THE MARGINS OF YESTERDAY'S TALKS ULUCEVIK TOLD MY HEAD OF CHANCERY THAT TURKEY WANTED A MORE EFFICIENT AND STRONGER SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, OF WHICH INCREASED PRESIDENTIAL POWERS WOULD ONLY BE A PART. HE SEEMED TO BE IMPLYING THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ENVISAGED MIGHT BE WIDER RANGING THAN JUST CHANGES TO ENABLE DENKTASH TO STAND FOR A THIRD TERM.

4. MY IMPRESSION FROM YOUR TALKS IS THAT SIR JOHN THOMSON WAS RIGHT WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT KYPRIANOU IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO AGREE ON THE 17 JANUARY PROPOSALS OR SOMETHING VERY CLOSE TO THEM IF A SETTLEMENT IS TO REMAIN ON THE CARDS. ANKARA ARE GOING TO DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO HELP HIM REACH THAT POSITION. THE TIMESCALE NOW ENVISAGED BY THE TURKS FOR ANY RETURN TO THE SUMMIT PROVIDES AN UNCOMFORTABLY LONG TIME IN WHICH ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS COULD ONLY TOO EASILY TAKE PLACE

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