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TELEGRAM NO.121 OF 20 FEBRUARY 1985

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MY TELNO.116 : CYPRUS

SUMMARY

1. SECRETARY GENERAL CONFIRMS HIS INTENTION IS FIRST TO PRESS FOR KYPRIANOU'S AGREEMENT TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE 17 JANUARY DOCUMENTATION AND THEN GET DENKTASH TO ACCEPT A HIGH LEVEL MEETING. HE WILL MAKE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT SAY TO KYPRIANOU. HE HOPES SHE WILL ENCOURAGE THE AMERICANS TO CONTINUE TO PLAY THEIR PART ON CYPRUS.

DETAIL

2. I SAW THE SECRETARY GENERAL THIS AFTERNOON(20 FEBRUARY). URQUHART AND PICCO WERE WITH HIM. AFTER BRIEFLY RECAPITULATING THE RESULTS OF YOUR VISIT TO ANKARA, I UNDERLINED OUR CONTINUED BELIEF IN HIS CHANCES OF OBTAINING A SETTLEMENT AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT HIM.

3. HE THANKED YOU WARMLY FOR SPEAKING TO THE TURKS. THE INFORMATION YOU HAD GOT FROM THEM WAS IMPORTANT. FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THEY HAD NOT SAID THAT THE 17 JANUARY DOCUMENTATION WAS NO LONGER ON THE TABLE.

4. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID HE WAS ALREADY TAKING ACTION WITH THE TWO SIDES. THERE WAS NO TIME TO LOSE. HE AGREED THAT HE STILL HAD A CHANCE. IT WAS IN ANY CASE HIS DUTY TO PERSEVERE AND TRY TO BRING THE TWO SIDES TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE. PREVIOUSLY HE HAD CONCENTRATED HIS ENERGIES ON THE TURKS AND HAD GOT SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS FROM THEM. THIS TIME HE HAD TO CONCENTRATE ON KYPRIANOU.

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HE WOULD SEEK FROM HIM SOME KIND OF ENDORSEMENT OF THE 17 JANUARY DOCUMENTATION WITH NO MORE THAN COSMETIC CHANGES TO IT TO SAVE HIS FACE. IF HE COULD TELL THE TURKS SECRETLY THAT KYPRIANOU ENDORSED THE DOCUMENTATION HE WOULD THEN PRESS THEM TO AGREE TO COSMETIC CHANGES AND TO FORCE DENKTASH TO A HIGH LEVEL MEETING. INDEED HE HAD IN MIND NOT ONE BUT TWO HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS. THE FIRST WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE ABOUT THE END OF MARCH, WOULD APPROVE THE DOCUMENTATION AND TAKE A DECISION ON A FURTHER MEETING TOWARDS END JUNE/BEGINNING JULY WHICH WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED. IF WORKING GROUPS COULD BE SET UP AFTER THE NEXT HIGH LEVEL MEETING, SO MUCH THE BETTER.

5. I SAID THAT HIS THINKING WAS VERY CLOSE TO OURS. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE A CRUCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO KYPRIANOU ON 28 FEBRUARY. IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT SHE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAID THE SAME THINGS TO KYPRIANOU. I SUGGESTED THAT HIS STAFF SHOULD LET US HAVE A NON-PAPER SETTING OUT EXACTLY WHAT HE HOPED SHE MIGHT SAY. HE ASKED PICCO TO ARRANGE THIS.

6. I ASKED WHETHER HE WAS CONSIDERING TRAVELLING TO CYPRUS. HE SAID NOT. HE WAS HOWEVER PREPARED TO SEE KYPRIANOU SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE (HE WILL BE GOING TO GENEVA IN MARCH) BUT ONLY IF HE HAD PRIOR ASSURANCES THAT KYPRIANOU WAS SERIOUS. I POINTED OUT THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELPFUL TO KYPRIANOU IN SAVING FACE. HE AGREED. URQUHART UNDERLINED THAT KYPRIANOU HAD TO ACCEPT THE DOCUMENTATION FIRST. PEREZ DE CUELLAR ADDED THAT ANY COSMETIC CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENTATION WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THE GREEKS NO ROOM FOR RE-INTERPRETING THE SUBSTANCE.

7. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS NOT JUST THROUGH HOLGER BUT DIRECTLY. THE SECRETARIAT'S INTERLOCUTOR WAS MAVROMMATIS WHO THEY REGARDED AS A KEY MAN AND WITH WHOM THEY WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH . (THIS INFORMATION IS ESPECIALLY CONFIDENTIAL).

8. PEREZ DE CUELLAR RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE. URQUHART AND PICCO HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AMERICANS NOW WANTED TO STAND BACK FROM THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND NOT GET INVOLVED THEMSELVES. HE ASKED IF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF HER VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO ENCOURAGE THE AMERICANS NOT TO FORGET

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ABOUT CYPRUS AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR INVOLVEMENT. HE WAS NOT ASKING THEM TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE TURKS AT THIS POINT (I AGREED THAT THAT WOULD BE A MISTAKE) BUT RATHER TO USE THEIR LEVERAGE WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. HE NOTED THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE KEEPING UP THEIR INTEREST IN CYPRUS AND WERE BEING OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH AKEL. PICCO ADDED THAT WASHINGTON COULD HELP ALSO BY ENCOURAGING ANKARA TO STOP DENKTASH BEING SO RIGID ABOUT THE TIMING OF ANY FURTHER HIGH LEVEL MEETING. PEREZ DE CUELLAR DID NOT REACT TO THIS. HIS PRIMARY CONCERN WAS CLEARLY THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH KYPRIANOU ON THE QUESTION OF THE DOCUMENTATION.

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