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MIPT: SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH SHULTZ: CYPRUS

1. SHULTZ AND BURT GAVE THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON 21 FEBRUARY THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OVER TALKS ON CYPRUS. DESPITE THE FAILURE IN NEW YORK - ON WHICH THE US WERE INCLINED TO ASCRIBE SOME BLAME TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL - THERE WERE SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS. BEFORE AND AT NEW YORK, DENKTASH HAD MOVED A LITTLE. THE AMERICANS WERE NOW URGING THE TURKS NOT TO STEP BACK. BUT THEY THOUGHT THAT THE MAIN OUTSIDE EFFORT SHOULD NOW BE DIRECTED TO PERSUADING KYPRIANOU THAT HIS TIME WAS RUNNING OUT, AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT SOMETHING VERY CLOSE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NEW YORK DOCUMENTATION.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT IN HIS TALKS WITH THE TURKS THEY WOULD NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PRESS DENKTASH TO MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS, OR EVEN TO PRESS HIM EXPLICITLY NOT TO WITHDRAW THOSE HE HAD ALREADY MADE, NEVERTHELESS THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD FORMED THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING HIM ALONG AND WERE IN FACT DISCOURAGING ANY BACKWARD MOVEMENT BY HIM. NOR HAD THEY CLOSED THE DOOR ON HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BEFORE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ELECTIONS IN JUNE. KYPRIANOU WOULD SEE THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIM IN LONDON ON 28 FEBRUARY, AND WOULD BE TOLD THAT HIS TACTICS SO FAR APPEARED TO HAVE PLAYED INTO DENKTASH'S HANDS, AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SETTLE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S DOCUMENTATION, AND FAIRLY SOON, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER COULD ISSUE BEFORE KYPRIANOU CAME TO LONDON.

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3. SHULTZ AGREED, ADDING THAT HE SAW NO ADVANTAGE WHATSOEVER IN KYPRIANOU'S IDEAS FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP, OR A NATO GUARANTEE, FOR CYPRUS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE THOUGHT THAT THESE IDEAS HAS SO FAR BEEN DISCREETLY HANDLED: BUT CERTAINLY THE LESS HEARD OF THEM THE BETTER.

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