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SUMMARY

1. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAYS THAT HE WILL NEED OUR HELP WITH THE TURKS IN THE NEXT STAGE.

DETAIL

2. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL THIS EVENING (MAINLY ON IRAN/IRAQ) TO ASK HIM WHERE THINGS STOOD ON CYPRUS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAID THAT HE WAS HARD AT WORK ON THIS. IF HE COULD PERSUADE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ACCEPT THE DOCUMENTATION HE WOULD HAVE TO TURN HIS FACE TO THE OTHER SIDE. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE DENKTASH VIEW THAT THE 17 JANUARY PAPER WAS NO LONGER ON THE TABLE. HE HAD WARNED THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR THAT IF THIS LINE WAS NOT (NOT) CHANGED HE WOULD GO IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. I SAID THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED HIS EFFORTS. MY PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT KYPRIANOU WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THE DOCUMENTATION WITH COSMETIC CHANGES SINCE HE REALLY HAD NO OTHER OPTION. THE SECRETARY GENERAL AGREED THAT KYPRIANOU HAD PROBABLY LEARNED HIS LESSON (AND MENTIONED HIS EXTREME GRATITUDE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HER PART IN TEACHING HIM) AND WOULD BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE. BUT THE OTHER SIDE WOULD BE A PROBLEM. IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY NEED OUR HELP.

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4. MEANWHILE, MAVROMMATIS HAS BEEN CONTINUING HIS TALKS HERE ABOUT THE DOCUMENTATION AND HAD A DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARIAT THIS MORNING (HUMFREY'S TELELETTER OF 19 MARCH NOT TO ALL).

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