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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TEL NO 315 OF 2 NOV 81  
RPTD ROUTINE INFO UKREP BRUSSELSMY TEL 309 : GREEK PRIME MINSITER'S ATTENDANCE  
AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

1. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER AT 1200 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER, FOR WHICH IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A REPLY TO PARA 2 OF MY TUR.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ,PAPANDREOU CURRENTLY PLANS TO LEAVE FOR LONDON EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 26 NOVEMBER. FROM 23-25 NOVEMBER HE WILL HAVE BEEN HEAVILY OCCUPIED WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AT WHICH HE WILL PRESENT THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME, AT THE END OF WHICH A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE WILL BE TAKEN. THIS TIMING WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RULE OUT A BILATERAL MEETING OR OTHER ENGAGEMENTS BEFORE THE START OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. MEETINGS WITH THE ANGLO/GREEK PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND/OR THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS SUGGESTED IN MY TELCON OF 29 OCTOBER WITH DAUNT, SED, WOULD SEEM TO BE PRECLUDED UNLESS LATE ON THE FRIDAY EVENING, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SATURDAY ENGAGEMENTS ARE RULED OUT.

3. SEE MIFT FOR TOPICS WHICH, SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, I WOULD PROPOSE TO COVER AT MY MEETING WITH PAPANDREOU.

4. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO KNOW THAT ON 3 NOVEMBER I SHALL BE GIVING LUNCH IN MY PRESIDENCY CAPACITY TO INTRODUCE THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER (FOTILAS) TO MY EC COLLEAGUES. IN SEEKING A MEETING WITH PAPANDREOU I MADE IT CLEAR THAT I WOULD NOT (NOT) BE SPEAKING FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

5. I ALSO HAVE FIRST MEETING WITH PROFESSOR LAZARIS SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF COORDINATION, AT 10 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON 5 NOVEMBER.

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