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UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 64: CYPRUS

1. AS ARRANGED BY UKMIS NEW YORK PICCO (MEMBER OF SECRETARY - GENERAL'S CABINET RESPONSIBLE FOR CYPRUS) TELEPHONED HEAD OF CHANCERY THIS EVENING (17 JANUARY) TO OFFER BRIEFING ON SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EVREN OF TURKEY EARLIER TODAY IN CASABLANCA.

2. PICCO SAID THAT CYPRUS HAD BEEN ONE OF A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH EVREN. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD EXPLAINED THAT HIS ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE HAD BEEN CIRCUMSCRIBED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS NUMBERS 541 AND 544. BUT HE WAS STILL PREPARED TO TRY TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION ON CYPRUS, IF NECESSARY ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. HE (PEREZ) WOULD BE WILLING TO GO HIMSELF TO NICOSIA, ATHENS AND ANKARA FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT A MEETING OF THE "LOCAL LEADERS" (HE MEANT DENKTASH AND KYPRIANOU). BUT BEFORE THEN STEPS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE. (PICCO ADDED THAT PEREZ PUT FORWARD SOME SPECIFIC IDEAS FOR THIS BUT HE DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAIL). ALSO THERE WOULD BE A NEED FOR "IMAGINATION" AT THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL LEADERS IF THE ICE WAS TO BE BROKEN. PEREZ IMPLIED THAT IF THESE TWO CONDITIONS (IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE AND WILLINGNESS TO USE IMAGINATION) WERE NOT MET THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN HIS GOING TO THE AREA.

3. EVREN HAD CLEARLY ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO STRIKING UP A GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PEREZ. HE SAID THAT HE (PEREZ) WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. BUT EVREN'S RESPONSE ON SUBSTANCE WAS GUARDED. HE UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER WHAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD SAID AND TO LET HIM HAVE A REACTION LATER. MEANWHILE HE DID NOT CLOSE THE DOOR ON ANY OF PEREZ'S IDEAS. EVREN ALSO SAID THAT ATHENS WERE A BAD INFLUENCE

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4. ACCORDING TO PICCO THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE DENKTASH OFFER OF 2 JANUARY OR OF KYPRIANOU'S PROPOSALS OF 11 JANUARY. PEREZ HAD SAID THAT BOTH WERE "INSUFFICIENT". THERE WAS NO POINT IN ENTERING INTO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SUCH PROPOSALS UNTIL IT WAS CLEAR THAT BOTH SIDES WERE PREPARED TO SHOW "GOOD WILL". WITHOUT THIS ANY TALKS WERE BOUND TO BREAK DOWN.
5. PICCO THOUGHT THAT THE BALL WAS NOW IN THE TURKS' COURT. HE DOUBTED WHETHER PEREZ WOULD DO ANYTHING MORE UNTIL HE RECEIVED A CONSIDERED TURKISH RESPONSE. MEANWHILE "BAD SIGNALS" FROM EITHER SIDE COULD CAUSE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PUTATIVE INITIATIVE TO FOUNDER. PEREZ HOPED THAT ALL CONCERNED WOULD SHOW RESTRAINT.
6. PICCO SAID THAT HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO CLEAR HIS LINES WITH PEREZ ABOUT HOW TO REPORT THE MEETING TO HMG. HE WAS THEREFORE BRIEFING US WITHOUT KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT PEREZ HIMSELF HAD THOUGHT OF THE TALKS WITH EVREN. PEREZ'S INITIAL REACTION HAD BEEN "NOW LET US WAIT AND SEE".
7. PICCO ADDED THAT PEREZ INTENDS TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HIS MEETING WITH EVREN TO KYPRIANOU WHEN THE DEMANDS OF HIS AFRICAN JOURNEY PERMIT. HE MAY ALSO GIVE HMG A MORE CONSIDERED VERSION. PICCO EMPHASISED THAT MEANWHILE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HARM PEREZ'S RELATIONSHIP WITH KYPRIANOU IF HMG SHOWED AWARENESS TOMORROW OF THE CONTENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TALKS WITH EVREN.
8. FCO RESIDENT CLERK. THE PRIME MINISTER IS SEEING KYPRIANOU FIRST THING TOMORROW (18 JANUARY). A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE ADVANCED TO NO 10 IN TIME TO BE SEEN THERE BEFORE THIS MEETING TAKES PLACE.

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