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1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU VISITED ATHENS OVER THE WEEKEND FOR TALKS WITH PAPANDEOU AND KARAMANLIS. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS YESTERDAY PAPANDEOU AND KYPRIANOU REFERRED IN RITUAL TERMS TO THE UNANIMITY BETWEEN THEM, AND REITERATED THEIR "RESERVED OPTIMISM". PAPANDEOU SAID THAT KYPRIANOU WOULD GO TO NEW YORK ARMED WITH "NATIONAL UNANIMITY" WHICH WAS A NECESSARY ELEMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE CRITICAL AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD. HE SAID THAT EVERYONE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE WOULD BE FRUITFUL SEMI COLON EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR A JUST AND VIABLE SOLUTION. KYPRIANOU SUPPORTED THESE REMARKS, ADDING THAT ALTHOUGH RESTRAINED OPTIMISM WAS JUSTIFIED, THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT A SOLUTION HAD BEEN FOUND FOR THERE WAS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO. HE HOPED THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD DISPLAY THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL.

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