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CLAY'S TELELETTER TO DR BARKER (SED) OF 3 DECEMBER:

GREEK CYPRIOT GENERAL ELECTIONS

THE COUNTING OF VOTES HAS BEEN SLOWER THAN EXPECTED AND THE FULL RESULTS AND FINAL ALLOCATIONS OF SEATS IN THE NEW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL LATER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW. BUT WITH APPROXIMATELY THREE QUARTERS OF THE VOTES COUNTED, THE RESULTS SHOW THAT:-

- A. KYPRIANOU'S PARTY (DEKO) WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED:
- B. THE COMMUNISTS (AKEL) WILL LOSE SUBSTANTIALLY AND CEDE THEIR PLACE AS THE BIGGEST SINGLE PARTY:
- C. THE OPPOSITION (DEMOCRATIC RALLY AND AKEL) ARE LIKELY TO FAIL IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO SECURE TWO THIRDS OF THE SEATS IN THE NEW HOUSE AND THUS TO BE FRUSTRATED IN THEIR DECLARED AIM OF FORCING KYPRIANOU TO RESIGN BY AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

2. THE MOST RECENT FIGURES SHOW THE PARTIES' PERCENTAGE SHARES OF THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS (COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1981 IN BRACKETS):-

- AKEL 27.24 (32.6)
- DEKO 27.32 (20.66)
- RALLY 33.88 (29.92)
- SOCIALISTS (EDEK) 11.24 (8.27)

THIS REPRESENTS A GREATER INCREASE IN SUPPORT FOR DEKO THAN EXPECTED EVEN AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE LION'S SHARE THEY WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE OF THE VOTES CAST FOR MINOR PARTIES WHICH STOOD IN 1981 BUT NOT IN 1985. THE QUESTION OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS WHETHER AKEL OR DEKO WILL EMERGE AS THE SECOND STRONGEST PARTY.

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