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NICOSIA TELNOS 151 AND 152: CYPRUS: UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
 INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INTENDS TO PLAY THINGS IN LOW KEY.

DETAIL

2. WE TOUCHED BASE WITH UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL GOULDING ON 22 APRIL. HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REACTION TO THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE REPLIES FROM THE TWO SIDES WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE SECOND NICOSIA TUR. DESPITE HIS INDIGNATION AT THE WAY HE HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, HE INTENDED TO PLAY THINGS DOWN. HE HOPED THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD AVOID ANOTHER ROUND OF ABUSIVE COMMENTS. HIS PRESENT THINKING WAS THAT HE WOULD BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE TWO REPLIES BUT WOULD NOT EVEN EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT. HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF TRYING FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING THOUGH HIS ADVISERS WERE NOT AT ALL CLEAR HOW THE TURKS COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT THIS IN THE ABSENCE OF GREEK CYPRIOT ACCEPTANCE OF THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT.

3. THE VISIT BY THE HEAD OF SED AND DR BARKER TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER THE GROUND WITH THE SECRETARIAT, THOUGH GOULDING HIMSELF WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE AWAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND OF COURSE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HIMSELF WILL BE IN LONDON IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY.

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