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SUMMARY.

TURKISH CYPRIOTS EMPHASISE IN A FURTHER LETTER TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR THAT DENKTASH'S REPLY OF 21 APRIL WAS INTENDED TO INDICATE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. DENKTASH SAYS THERE CAN BE NO HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITHOUT GREEK CYPRIOT ACCEPTANCE ALSO.

1. DENKTASH WROTE A FURTHER LETTER TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR DATED 27 APRIL, AND GIVEN TO HOLGER THAT DAY, IN RESPONSE TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REPLY OF 21 APRIL. DENKTASH GAVE ME A COPY OF HIS LATEST LETTER ON 29 APRIL: COPY FOLLOWS TO SED BY BAG.

2. DENKTASH'S LETTER REITERATES THAT HE IS PREPARED TO SIGN THE 'DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT' AS IT IS SUBJECT TO THE BLANK DATES BEING COMPLETED. HE GOES ON TO SAY THAT FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS OF KYPRIANOU'S LETTER OF 20 APRIL, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE REJECTED THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. THE GREEK CYPRIOT REPLY PROPOSING A SUMMIT MEETING WITH A SPECIAL AGENDA RUNS COUNTER TO THE CONCEPT OF THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE DEFINITELY AGAINST ANY NEW PROCEDURES 'ENVISAGING ANY FORM OF SECRET OR 'SHUTTLE' DIPLOMACY OR ANY KIND OF SUMMIT MEETING PRIOR TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT ACCEPTANCE OF THE 'DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT'

COMMENT:

3. WHEN I SAW DENKTASH ON 29 APRIL, HE WAS ADAMANT THAT THERE COULD BE NO HIGH LEVEL MEETING UNTIL THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ACCEPTED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS. THOUGH STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS DENKTASH HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTING THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' ACCEPTANCE OF PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S FRAMEWORK AND GREEK AND GREEK CYPRIOT EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THIS APPROACH.

4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DENKTASH WAS PROMPTED TO WRITE A FURTHER LETTER TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR BY THE REALISATION THAT HIS REPLY OF 21 APRIL MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN SEEN AS AN UNQUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. HOLGER HIMSELF HAD SUGGESTED TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, TO THEIR EVIDENT SURPRISE, THAT THEIR REPLY MIGHT NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN UNQUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE, AND HE THINKS THAT HIS SCEPTICISM MAY IN PART HAVE PROMPTED THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITION IN ORDER TO SEIZE THE PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE.

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5. NOW THAT THE DOGS OF PROPAGANDA WAR HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED, ON BOTH SIDES, THE TIMETABLE RECOMMENDED IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF MY TELNO 152 MIGHT PRUDENTLY BE ALLOWED TO SLIP. HOLGER HIMSELF HAS SUGGESTED A VISIT BY GOULDING IN MID-MAY AND THIS SEEMS THE EARLIEST SENSIBLE DATE.

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