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YOUR TEL NO 94 TO NICOSIA: TURKISH CYPRIOT IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

SUMMARY

1. TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AGREES THAT THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL OVER A DENKTASH-VASSILIOU MEETING.
LUXEMBOURG HAD NOT HELPED: IMPLIED THAT HE COULD GET THE NEW PASSPORT PROCEDURES RESCINDED. BUT PROBABLY WONT UNLESS THE GREEK SIDE SHOWS GOODWILL.

DETAIL

2. I RAISED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH OZAL ON 2 MAY AFTER DELIVERING THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL (NON) MEETING AND SPEAKING ABOUT MORE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIPS. REFERRING TO WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SAID ON 7 APRIL ABOUT THE NEED FOR A DENKTASH-VASSILIO MEETING, I SAID THAT THINGS SEEMED TO BE SLIPPING BACKWARDS. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MEASURES WERE PARTICULARLY UNHELPFUL. THE ROW WAS BEGINNING TO INVOLVE MATTERS OF FACE FOR BOTH SIDES AND THIRD PARTIES WERE GETTING DRAGGED IN. THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO GET THE NEW PROCEDURES RESCINDED WITHOUT DELAY.

3. OZAL PULLED A WRY FACE. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL HAD CERTAINLY NOT HELPED. THE QUOTE OTHER BUSINESS UNQUOTE COULD DOUBTLESS BE ARRANGED. HE THEN CHANGED THE SUBJECT.

COMMENT

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4. I DO NOT KNOW QUITE WHAT TO MAKE OF THIS. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING A VERY HARD LINE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. AS APPARENTLY OVER SYMBOLIC TROOP WITHDRAWALS, OZAL'S LINE MAY BE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE OFFICIAL ONE BUT NOT LIKELY TO BE PRESSED ON BUREAUCRATS AND MILITARY UNLESS POLICY ON THE GREEK SIDE LOOKS LIKELY TO RESPOND IN A WAY WHICH WILL BE SEEN TO JUSTIFY IT.

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