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ANKARA TELNO 345 AND UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 813 TO YOU: CYPRUS: UNSG'S INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

1. CAMILION'S TACTICS ARE TO WORK FOR A LATER MEETING BETWEEN PEREZ DE CUELLAR, DENKTASH AND VASSILIOU; ON THE BASIS OF DRAFTS AMENDED TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO 1980 AND 1984 DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS THE HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENTS OF 1977 AND 1979. CAMILION ASKS FOR OUR SUPPORT WITH VASSILIOU.

DETAIL

- 2. I DEBRIEFED CAMILION ON HIS CALLS THIS MORNING ON DENKTASH AND VASSILIOU/IACOVOU.
- 3. DENKTASH ADMITTED FRANKLY TO THE PRESSURE TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED IN ANKARA TO AGREE A MEETING WITH VASSILIOU. HE WAS RESENTFUL OF THE TURKS' AND THIRD PARTIES' ATTEMPTS TO PUSH HIM: HE INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT BE BROUGHT ON BOARD IF THE UNSG AMENDED HIS DRAFT TO MEET SOME OF HIS POINTS AND DEFERRED THE DATE OF THE LUNCH. DENKTASH - WHO AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING A MEETING BEFORE THE NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING (5-10 SEPTEMBER) - SUGGESTED LATE AUGUST. CAMILION THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO ACCEPT LATE JULY, IF THE DRAFTS WERE AMENDED TO REFER TO THE 1980 AND 1984 DOCUMENTS, IN ADDITION TO THE 1977 AND 1979 AGREEMENTS.
- 4. AT HIS SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH VASSILIOU, ACCOMPANIED BY IACOVOU, CAMILION FOUND THE LATTER OPPOSED TO AMENDING THE UNSG'S DRAFTS OR CHANGING THE DATES TO ACCOMMODATE DENKTASH. THE PRESIDENT SEEMED DISPOSED TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE. CAMILION ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT TO ENCOURAGE VASSILIOU TO OVERRIDE THE LEGALISTIC VIEWS OF HIS ADVISERS AND GO ALONG WITH CAMILION'S TACTICS AS A MEANS TO AN EARLY START OF NEGOTIATIONS.

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5. I AGREE WITH CAMILION'S VIEW (WHICH HE SAID WAS PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S, TOO) THAT THE UNSG CANNOT SIMPLY DROP REFERENCE TO THE 1977 AND 1979 HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENTS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. TO DO SO WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. THAT BEING SO, A SELECTIVE ENLARGEMENT OF THE REFERENCE-POINTS TO MEET DENKTASH PART-WAY IS NECESSARY.

6. CAMILION FEELS RAPID ACTION BY US IS DESIRABLE TO ENCOURAGE VASSILIOU'S INSTINCT NOT TO BE TOO PEDANTIC ABOUT CHANGES TO THE DRAFTS, AND A LATER MEETING. MY VIEW IS THAT VASSILIOU WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO SHOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION FROM HIS ADVISERS AND THE REJECTIONIST POLITICIANS. IF WE ARE TO HELP CAMILION EFFECTIVELY, A PRIME MINISTERIAL MESSAGE TO VASSILIOU (YOUR TELNO 357 TO UKMIS NEW YORK) IS CALLED FOR. THE MESSAGE MIGHT SAY THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND SUPPORTING THE UNSG'S EFFORTS TO GET THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER AND APPLAUD THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT'S COOPERATION WITH THE UNSG: HIS CURRENT IDEAS FOR ESTABLISHING AN AGREED BASIS FOR EARLY NEGOTIATIONS HAVE OUR BACKING: IN OUR VIEW THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE REMAINS TO START A DIALOGUE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, AND WE HOPE BOTH PARTIES WILL SHOW FLEXIBILITY TO THAT END.

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