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UKDEL RHODES TEL NO 1 TO ANKARA (NOT TO ALL):

MESSAGE TO TURKISH PRIME MINISTER.

1. I DELIVERED THE TEXT IN UKDEL RHODES TEL NO 2 TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER'S CHIEF DIPLOMATIC ADVISER ON 5 DECEMBER. SENSOY UNDERTOOK TO BRING IT TO OZAL'S ATTENTION WITHOUT DELAY. A REPLY WOULD DOUBTLESS BE SENT IN DUE COURSE.

2. HAVING READ THE MESSAGE, SENSOY SAID THAT HIS PRIME MINISTER WOULD, HE THOUGHT, WISH HIM TO MAKE TWO POINTS STRAIGHT AWAY. FIRST, THE LINE TAKEN IN DENKTASH'S SIX PAPERS WAS INTENDED AS A CONSTRUCTIVE MOVE DESIGNED TO BRING OUT WHETHER VASSILIOU HAD ANY NEW POLICIES AND WAS ANYTHING MORE THAN A SMILING VERSION OF HIS PREDECESSOR. THE PAPERS CONTAINED CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS ON THE ISSUES TO WHICH VASSILIOU HAD GIVEN THE MOST EMPHASIS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS. IT WAS NOW UP TO HIM TO RESPOND, AND THOSE THIRD PARTIES WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO SEE PROGRESS SHOULD PRESS VASSILIOU TO DO SO POSITIVELY.

3. SECONDLY, THE GROSSLY UNEQUAL TREATMENT ACCORDED TO VASSILIOU AND DENKTASH INTERNATIONALLY WAS UNHELPFUL, INCREASING DENKTASH'S SENSE OF ISOLATION, AND HENCE HIS SCEPTICISM AS TO WHETHER VASSILIOU WOULD EVER AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT BASED ON PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TWO POLITICALLY EQUAL COMMUNITIES. WHEN I REFERRED TO DENKTASH'S DISCUSSIONS WITH FRETWELL, SENSOY SAID THAT, WITH VASSILIOU RECEIVED REPEATEDLY AT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL, DENKTASH SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT HIS CASE DIRECT TO MINISTERS': AND TO ALLOW HIM TO DO SO NEED NOT, OF COURSE INVOLVE RECOGNITION OF THE TRNC. SENSOY THOUGHT THAT THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE SUBSTANCE, WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN OZAL'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

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