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YOUR TELNO 421: EUROPEAN COUNCIL, RHODES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PAPANDREOU'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER OF THANKS OF 3 DECEMBER:

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND THANKS FOR YOUR WARM MESSAGE FOLLOWING THE RHODES EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND WORDS REGARDING MYSELF AND THE OUTCOME OF THE COUNCIL.

THE GREEK PRESIDENCY TRULY WORKED WITH DEDICATION FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

INDEED, OUR EFFORT WAS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS, THANKS ALSO TO THE GOOD WILL AND CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT SHOWN BY ALL OUR COLLEAGUES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNCIL AND BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT, IN THE SAME CONTEXT, YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CARRYING FORWARD OUR COMMON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

MORE PARTICULARLY, YOUR INTERVENTIONS DURING THE SESSION OF THE RHODES EEC SUMMIT WERE OF GREAT HELP TO ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

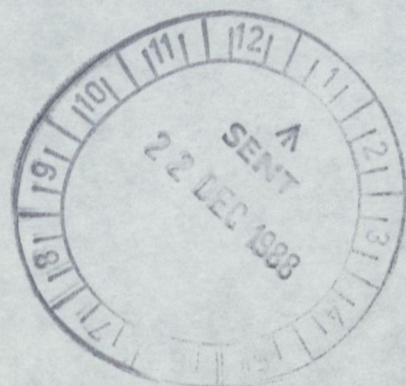
I WOULD LIKE, ON THIS OCCASION TO REITERATE ONCE MORE MY THANKS, DEAR PRIME MINISTER, FOR YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WE ENJOYED WHILE IN LONDON.

I REMAIN, WITH WARM REGARDS

ANDREAS PAPANDREOU

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2. IN VIEW OF THE FRONT PAGE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER, THE GREEKS MAY ALSO RELEASE THE TEXT OF PAPANDREOU'S REPLY.

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
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THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE

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The Right Honourable  
Margaret Thatcher  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom  
London

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to express my profound thanks for your warm message following the Rhodes European Council.

In particular, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your kind words regarding myself and the outcome of the Council.

The Greek Presidency truly worked with dedication for the best possible results during the last six months.

Indeed, our effort was crowned with success, thanks also to the good will and constructive spirit shown by all our colleagues participating in the Council and by their respective Governments.

It should be mentioned that, in the same context, your personal contribution was instrumental in carrying forward our common goals and objectives set by the European Council.

More particularly, your interventions during the session of the Rhodes EEC Summit were of great help to me as Chairman of the Council.

I would like, on this occasion to reiterate once more my thanks, dear Prime Minister, for your personal interest and the generous hospitality we enjoyed while in London.

I remain, with warm regards

Yours sincerely,

Andreas G. Papandreou