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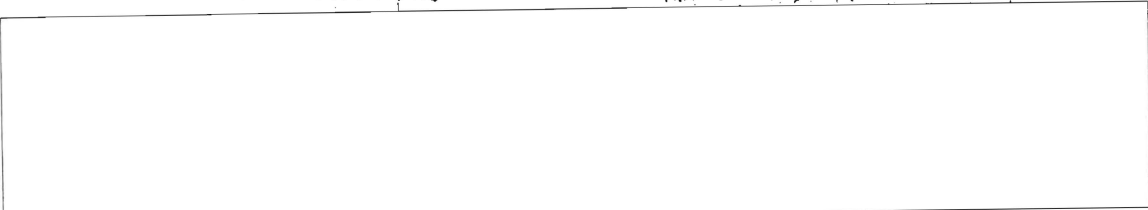
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SUBJECT: RIGHT WING OPPOSITION TO MAKARIOS RETURN

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH REFLECTS VIEWS OF DR. GLAFKOS CASSOULIDES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ESEA, A POLITICAL ARM OF EOKA-B, IN MY JUDGMENT CONFIRMS WHAT GLAFKOS CLERIDES TOLD ME TODAY AND MAKES LESS RELEVANT MY COMMENT AS TO POSSIBLE SELF-SERVING ASPECT OF CLERIDES PRESENTATION.

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3. EX-PRESIDENT MAKARIOS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CYPRUS, AS HIS RETURN WILL SPARK A BLOOD BATH BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. THE RIGHT WING TOOK WHAT IT BELIEVES TO HAVE BEEN A VERY DRAMATIC STEP IN LEADING CYPRIOTS OUT FOR DRIP OF THE COMMUNISTS WHEN IT FORCED THE DOWNFALL OF MAKARIOS GOVT. DURING THE STRUGGLE TO REMOVE MAKARIOS FROM OFFICE, RIGHT WING FAMILIES SUFFERED EXTREME HARSHIP, PRISONERS SUFFERED GREATLY AT HANDS OF MAKARIOS' POLICE, AND MEMBERS OF FAMILIES SUFFERED LOSSES OF LOVED ONES. NOW THOSE WHO FOUGHT ARE GROWING INCREASINGLY DEJECTED AND FRUSTRATED, BELIEVING THAT PERHAPS THEY HAVE BEEN BETRAYED. WHILE

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ENTIRE RIGHT WING PRESENTLY SUPPORTS PRESIDENCY OF GLAFKOS CLERIDES, IT WORRIES THAT PERHAPS CLERIDES IS IN FACT SERVING ONLY AS "ACTING PRESIDENT", AND IS ARRANGING TURN OF MAKARIOS. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED. IF IN FINAL ANALYSIS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT MAKARIOS MUST RETURN, THIS RETURN MUST BE DELAYED UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT SOME SEMBLANCE OF NORMALITY AND PEACE HAS RETURNED TO CYPRUS. MAKARIOS RETURN, IF PREMATURE, WILL SPARK CARNAGE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. MEMBERS OF MAKARIOS' GOVT, INCLUDING CLERIDES, WOULD BE MARKED FOR ASSASSINATION.

4. IT IS APPARENT THAT LEFT WING FULLY SUPPORTS MAKARIOS RETURN AND THUS ACCEPTS CLERIDES ONLY AS "ACTING PRESIDENT" -- AS CLERIDES PRESENTS HIMSELF. LEFT WING IS PREPARED TO MEET IN OPEN, ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH RIGHT WING, IF NEED BE, TO EFFECT MAKARIOS' RETURN. A LARGE NUMBER OF ARMS SEIZED AND CONFISCATED AT TIME OF MAKARIOS FALL FROM POWER, HAVE BEEN REDISTRIBUTED TO GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ARME THE COMMUNITY AGAINST TURK INVADERS. IT IS KNOWN THAT MANY MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY (AKEL) AND FOLLOWERS OF DR. VASSOS LYSSARIDES WERE INSTRUCTED TO APPEAR AT NATIONAL GUARD POSTS WHERE THESE ARMS WERE BEING DISTRIBUTED. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD MANY MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE NOT PROCEEDED TO THE FRONT LINES, BUT REMOVED THEMSELVES INTO THE MOUNTAINS TO AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS.

5. SITUATION BETWEEN GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS MUST BE DEFUSED PROMPTLY. GREEK COMMUNITY IS BELIEVED TO BE OBSERVING THE CEASEFIRE AS BEST IT CAN, BUT IT GROWS PROGRESSIVELY RESTLESS WITH EACH ADDITIONAL CEASEFIRE VIOLATION BY TURK SIDE, WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO ADVANCE ITS POSITION UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE CEASEFIRE. IT IS CLEAR THAT IF TURKISH ENCROACHMENTS AND UTTER DISREGARD FOR CONDITIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE CONTINUE, THE GREEK COMMUNITY, ACTING OUT OF FEAR, WILL STRIKE TURK VILLAGES THROUGHOUT ISLAND. MASSACRE AND CARNAGE WILL SPILL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

6. DR. CASSOULIDES SHOULD USG MUST MOVE URGENTLY TO BRING ABOUT TURKISH/GREEK SETTLEMENT SO THAT THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS CAN BE MOVED TO STABILITY.

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