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AND TO PRIORITY ATHENS,

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YOUR TELNO 129, ATHENS TELNO 256 AND ANKARA TELNO 256: REFERENDUM
ON TURKISH CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE

1. ALTHOUGH THE PROSPECTS OF A TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SEEMED TO BE RECEDING, YOUR TUR SHOWS THAT A REFERENDUM REMAINS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.
2. WHEN YOU SEE DENKTASH YOU SHOULD REPEAT THAT HMG WOULD BE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE DECLARATION OF AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE OR A REFERENDUM ABOUT IT. HMG DO NOT RECOGNISE THE 'TFSC', NOR COULD THERE BE ANY QUESTION OF OUR RECOGNISING AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A 'STATE' WOULD BE CLEARLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE 1960 TREATY ARRANGEMENTS, AND WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE PROSPECTS FOR AN INTERCOMMUNAL SETTLEMENT.
3. FOR ANKARA. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (OR A REFERENDUM). NEVERTHELESS WE SEE ADVANTAGE IN MAKING OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS RECOGNITION CRYSTAL CLEAR IF THE SUBJECT IS RAISED AGAIN. YOU THEREFORE HAVE DISCRETION, WHEN APPROPRIATE, TO DRAW ON PARA 2 ABOVE IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

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