

CONFIDENTIAL

DESKBY FCO 241030Z

FM NICOSIA 241000Z
 TO IMMEDIATE FCO
 TELEGRAM NO 258 OF 24 OCTOBER 83.

Prime Minute

Highlighted passages

INFO PRIORITY ANAKRA, ATHENS, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK,
 MODUK.

only.

A.S.C. 24/10

INFO ROUTINE PARIS, BONN AND ROME.
 INFO SAVING UKDEL NATO AND CBFC.

MT

MY TEL 257 : CYPRUS PROBLEM : LADY YOUNG'S VISIT.

SUMMARY : LADY YOUNG'S MEETINGS WITH IACOVOU AND KYPRIANOU.
 CAUTIOUS GREEK CYPRIOT APPROACH TOWARDS A HIGH LEVEL MEETING
HMG'S OPPOSITION TO UDI REPEATED TO DENKTASH. THE LATTER
STOUTLY DEFENDING HIS POSITION BUT NOT COMMITTING HIMSELF
TO ANY DEFINITE COURSE OF ACTION. DANGER OF AN EARLY UDI,
PROBABLY RECEDING. LADY YOUNG'S VISIT SUCCESSFUL IN PUBLIC
 RELATIONS TERMS AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE.

1. LADY YOUNG'S CONVERSATIONS WITH IACOVOU ON 21 OCTOBER
 CONTAINED MUCH EXPLANATION BY THE LATTER OF THE RESTRAINT
 WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD BEEN SHOWING (EG IN THE COUNCIL
 OF EUROPE) FOR THE SAKE OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE,
 AND OF THEIR POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE LATTER ON BOTH METHOD
 AND SUBSTANCE. IACOVOU STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TEXT OF
 THEIR COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE WAS BEING HELD SECRET BOTH IN
 NEW YORK AND HERE. HE DID NOT THEREFORE GO INTO ANY DETAIL
 ABOUT IT. LADY YOUNG WAS ALSO EXPOSED PRIVATELY TO THE
 CONTRARY VIEW OF CLERIDES AND OF ROLANDIS, THAT KYPRIANOU
 (IN AGREEMENT WITH PAPANDREOU) HAD IN EFFECT KILLED THE
 SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE BY FAILING TO ACCEPT THE
 INDICATORS OUTRIGHT.

2. AS TO THE FUTURE, IACOVOU'S MAIN POINTS WERE:-

- (A) THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE ANXIOUS TO KEEP ALIVE THE SECRETARY-
 GENERAL'S "INITIATIVE" (AT TIMES THEY INSISTED ON THE
 INDICATOR METHODOLOGY, AT OTHERS SIMPLY ON HIS PERSONAL
 INVOLVEMENT). FAILURE WOULD LEAVE NO OTHER AVENUE OF
 PROGRESS.
- (B) A TURKISH CYPRIOT CHANGE OF NAME FROM "TFSC" TO "REPUBLIC
 OF NORTH CYPRUS" WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO UDI. IT WOULD MEAN

CONFIDENTIAL

/THE

THE END OF NEGOTIATION AND WOULD EVOKE A VERY STRONG GREEK CYPRIOT RESPONSE. LADY YOUNG DID NOT PROBE WHAT THIS MIGHT MEAN BUT MADE CLEAR OUR OWN OPPOSITION TO UDI OR ANY OTHER ACTION THAT WOULD SET BACK THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

(C) THERE SEEMED TO BE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEED, WHICH LADY YOUNG URGED, FOR GREEK CYPRIOT RESTRAINT AT THE PRESENT DELICATE JUNCTURE.

(D) THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE GUIDED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S JUDGMENT ON THE CONDITIONS FOR CONVENING A NEW KYPRIANOU/DENKTASH MEETING AND ON THE CONTENT AND TIMING OF WHAT SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT THIS AS CONSULTATIONS PROCEEDED.

3. LADY YOUNG'S TALK WITH KYPRIANOU EARLY ON 22 OCTOBER DID NOT ADD MUCH TO THIS. KYPRIANOU RECITED THAT A NEW HIGH LEVEL MEETING MUST HAVE AN AGREED AGENDA, MUST BE SET IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE AND MUST BE PREPARED IN A MANNER TO GIVE SOME ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS ON ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE. THE DATE (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1984 AT THE EARLIEST) SHOULD NOT BE FIXED BEFORE THESE CONDITIONS HAD BEEN FULFILLED.

4. AT A TWO AND A HALF HOUR WORKING LUNCH FOR LADY YOUNG, DENKTASH GAVE HIS OWN LIVELY ACCOUNT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND A SPIRITED DEFENCE OF HIS TREATMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE, OF THE NEED FOR INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD TO PLACE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND OF HIS CALL FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU TO DETERMINE FINALLY WHETHER THE LATTER ACCEPTED FEDERATION ON THE BASIS OF PARTNERSHIP OR NOT. LADY YOUNG MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HMG WOULD VIEW ANY MOVE TOWARDS INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD WITH VERY SERIOUS CONCERN AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO RECOGNISE AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN THE NORTH. DENKTASH RESPONDED THAT TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY HE WOULD HAVE ANSWERED 'SO WHAT?' BUT SUCH A STATEMENT COMING FROM BRITAIN COULD NOT FAIL TO AFFECT HIM. HE SEEMED TO BE RENDERED THOUGHTFUL BY LADY YOUNG'S OBSERVATION THAT THE PROPOSED EXERCISE OF SELF DETERMINATION BY A COMMUNITY WITHIN A STATE WOULD BE VIEWED WITH ALARM BY THE LEBANON AND QUITE A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT AFFECTING THEMSELVES. THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION DENKTASH REFRAINED FROM COMMITTING HIMSELF TO ANY DEFINITE COURSE OF ACTION. THIS, TOGETHER WITH DENKTASH'S PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON 20 OCTOBER THAT INDEPENDENCE MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE THE TURKISH ELECTIONS, RATHER BEARS OUT THE ASSESSMENT WHICH MY US COLLEAGUE GAVE TO LADY YOUNG THAT THE DANGER OF AN EARLY UDI IS PROBABLY RECEDING.

²
CONFIDENTIAL

15.

5. IN GENERAL LADY YOUNG WAS STRUCK BY THE WAY IN WHICH THE ATTITUDES OF THE TWO SIDES MIRROR EACH OTHER. EACH CLAIMED THAT THE OTHER WAS NOT STANDING BY THE PRINCIPLES OF A SETTLEMENT CONTAINED IN THE 1977 AND 1979 HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENTS AND IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OPENING STATEMENT OF AUGUST 1980. KYPRIANOU CLAIMED THAT DENKTASH'S PURPOSE IN CALLING FOR A NEW HIGH LEVEL MEETING (IF IT WAS NOT SIMPLY TO SECURE IT FAILURE) WAS TO TRY TO RENEGOTIATE THOSE PRINCIPLES MORE TO HIS ADVANTAGE. DENKTASH CLAIMED THAT KYPRIANOU CONSTANTLY TRYING TO WRIGGLE OUT OF THE COMMITMENT TO A BIZONAL FEDERATION. EACH ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE OTHER HAD NO INCENTIVE TO REACH A SETTLEMENT, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS BECAUSE THEY ENJOYED THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS BECAUSE THEY WERE SITTING PRETTY ON 36 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE TURKISH ARMY.

6. LADY YOUNG'S VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS, WHICH UNSURPRISINGLY JUDGED IT BY THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE BRITISH POSITION ACCORDED WITH THAT OF THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT. SINCE OUR DIFFERENCES ARE AT THE MOMENT MORE WITH THE TURKISH SIDE LADY YOUNG'S DINNER SPEECH AND HER SHORT STATEMENT ON TAKING LEAVE OF KYPRIANOU WERE WELL RECEIVED, WITHOUT ANY ADVERSE COMMENT. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS REPORTED PROMINENTLY (WITHOUT COMMENT SO FAR) THAT LADY YOUNG TOLD DENKTASH THAT BRITAIN WOULD NOT RECOGNISE AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN THE NORTH.

7. FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO UKDEL NATO AND CBFC.

WILBERFORCE.

REPEATED AS REQUESTED

CYPRUS
LIMITED

SED	PS
ECD	PS/LADY YOUNG
UKD	PS/MR WHITNEY
FUSD	PS/FUS
INFO D	SIR J BULLARD
NEWS D	LOED N GORDON LENNOX 3
CCD	MR JAMES

ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION
CYPRUS