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1. AFTER A SPATE OF RUMOURS HERE LATE LAST WEEK THAT DENKTASH INTENDED TO DECLARE INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD TO COINCIDE WITH THE TURKISH ELECTIONS, DENKTASH MADE IT CLEAR IN BRIEFING TO THE PRESS ON 5 NOVEMBER THAT SUCH A DECLARATION WAS NOT IMMINENT. HE TOLD A MEETING OF TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY LEADERS THAT THE MOVE HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF "DEVELOPMENTS", NOTABLY KYPRIANOU'S AGREEMENT TO A HIGH LEVEL MEETING. DENKTASH CLAIMED THAT HIS OBJECTIVE WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIZONAL, BICOMMUNAL REPUBLIC : "IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS RECOGNISE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AS ONE OF THE TWO PEOPLES OF CYPRUS WITH THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, THERE IS NO NEED FOR A NEW STEP. THE BALL IS IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COURT". DENKTASH CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE TWO GREEK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ASSEMBLY, REPORTEDLY ADDING THAT "OTHERWISE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS".

2. DENKTASH, WHO ALMOST CERTAINLY WAS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RUMOURS, SEEMS TO HAVE WANTED TO KEEP EVERYONE GUESSING UP TO THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. PART OF HIS INTENTION IS NO DOUBT TO SOFTEN-UP THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, WITH A VIEW TO EXTRACTING CONCESSIONS PERHAPS AT THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING, OR AT LEAST TO DETERRING ANTI-TURKISH CYPRIOT MOVES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA (EG THE CHOGM). DENKTASH MAY ALSO HAVE HOPED TO DETECT SOME WEAKENING OF ANKARA'S RESOLVE WHICH WOULD HAVE ENABLED HIM TO MAKE A BREAK FOR INDEPENDENCE. WHEN THE CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED ME AND MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUE ON 4 NOVEMBER IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION THAT A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS IMMINENT, I TOLD MACOVOU IN CONFIDENCE OF THE LATEST INDICATIONS WE HAD OF TURKISH ATTITUDES IN ANKARA TEL 509.

3. HOLDER TOLD THE COUNSELLOR ON 7 NOVEMBER THAT HE HAD HEARD OVER THE WEEKEND THAT GOBBIN HAD NOT YET LEFT BUENOS AIRES AND THAT HIS APPOINTMENT AS ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE ANNOUNCED ON 7 OR 8 NOVEMBER (HOLGER ASKED FOR THIS INFORMATION TO BE PROTECTED). ALTHOUGH GOBBIN WOULD PROBABLY COME BRIEFLY TO CYPRUS TO SAY GOODBYE, HE WOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS. HOLGER HAD RECEIVED THE INSTRUCTIONS REFERRED TO IN UKMIS NEW YORK TEL 1243 AND WAS STARTING FURTHER SOUNDINGS WITH THE TWO SIDES ABOUT THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING. SHERRY HAD TOLD HIM THAT, IF THESE MADE PROGRESS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL ENVISAGED INVITING SENIOR GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES TO NEW YORK TO DISCUSS WITH HIM PERSONALLY THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

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