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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS ON BISHOPS AND INTERNAL SECURITY

SUMMARY: MAKARIOS DISCUSSES HIS RESPONSE TO EFFORT BY CYPRUS BISHOPS TO "DEFROCK" HIM; DESCRIBES UPCOMING MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY AGAINST FRIVAS ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. I SAW MAKARIOS MARCH 14 FOR A TOUR D' HORIZON ON CYPRUS. FOUND HIM AS CONFIDENT AND UNPERTURBED AS EVER, WITH TWO MAIN POINTS ON HIS MIND: THE ISSUE POSED BY THE CYPRUS BISHOPS AND THE QUESTION OF SECURITY AGAINST DOMESTIC DISORDERS.

2. AS TO THE BISHOPS, MAKARIOS SAID HE REGARDED THE ACTION DEPOSING HIM AS ENTIRELY INVALID UNDER CANON LAW. A MUCH LARGER SYNOD WAS NEEDED FOR SUCH A MOVE, COMPOSED OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES SENT BY EACH OF PRIMATES FROM CONSTANTINOPLE, ALEXANDRIA, ANTIOCH, JERUSALEM AND ATHENS. HE WAS NOT INCLINED TO USE THIS OR ANY OTHER KIND

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OF SYNOD TO APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION WHICH HAD NO BASIS IN LAW.

3. WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ACTIONS ARCHBISHOP MIGHT TAKE TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM. THEY SEEMED TO BOIL DOWN IN HIS MIND TO EITHER IGNORING BISHOPS BECAUSE THEY PRESENT NO SERIOUS THREAT TO HIM (THOUGH HE LIKE MOST OTHER CYPILOTS IS UNCOMFORTABLE AT UNDIGNIFIED SPECTACLE OF SQUABBLING WITHIN CHURCH), OR OUSTING BISHOP OF PAPHOS SO THAT NEW AND SYMPATHETIC BISHOP REPLACING HIM COULD PRODUCE A PRO-MAKARIOS OUTCOME IN FUTURE CYPRUS SYNOD MEETINGS. GENNADIOS, BISHOP OF PAPHOS COULD BE DISPOSED OF EITHER BY CONVOKING A SYNOD SIMILAR TO ONE MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE, OR BY SIMPLE DECLARATION ON ARCHBISHOPS PART THAT SEE, HAVING BEEN UNOCCUPIED FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, WAS DE FACTO VACANT AND WOULD HAVE TO BE FILLED BY ANOTHER CLERGYMAN. COMMENT: SINCE ARCHBISHOP EXPATIATED ON LENGTH OF TIME AND DIFFICULTY OF CONVOKING SYNOD, I SUSPECT HE WILL DISPENSE WITH THAT ALTERNATIVE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. END COMMENT.

4. ARCHBISHOP WAS RATHER MORE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF SERIES OF “MINI-SPECTACULARS” CARRIED OUT BY GRIVAS SUPPORTERS. HE -- AND WE -- HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD OF RAID ON A SMALL LIMASSOL POLICE STATION EARLY MORNING MARCH 14, IN WHICH ARMS HAD BEEN STOLEN. (SEPTEL).

5. ARCHBISHOP SAID THAT ON MARCH 13 HE HAD HAD MEETING WITH POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES AT WHICH SEVERAL DECISI HAD BEEN TAKEN TO INCREASE LOCAL SECURITY. SOME 30 MEMBERS OF POLI FORCE SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY WITH GRIVAS ELEMENTS WERE TO BE DISMISSED, THOUGH THEY WOULD RECEIVE SEVERANCE COMPENSATION SINCE THERE WAS NO LEGALLY SUSTAINABLE PROOF OF COMPLICITY. IT WAS ONE OF SERGEANTS TO BE DISMISSED WHO, ACCORDING TO MAKARIOS INFORMATION, HAD STAGED MARCH 14 LIMASSOL ARMS SNATCH. HE WAS AN OUTLAW, AND HE AND OTHERS LIKE HIM WOULD BE PROSECUTED RATHER THAN COMPENSATED.

6. DECISION HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO REINFORCE POLICE THROUGH NEW RECRUITING AND IN ADDITION TO EXPAND LIST OF CONFIDENTIAL

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AUGMENTING PROTECTIVE FORCES BY SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN. CONSTABLES WOULD BE UNDER A SPECIAL COORDINATOR, ONE PANTZARIS, A CYPRIOT NOW SERVING AS CHIEF INSPECTOR IN NATIONAL GUARD. THERE WOULD BE 10 OR 15 IN AREA OF EACH POLICE STATION AND SMALLER NUMBERS IN VILLAGES WITHOUT POLICE STATIONS. IT WOULD BE EASIER TO CONTROL AND IF NECESSARY DISMISS MEMBERS OF THIS COMPARATIVELY INEXPENSIVE AND NON-TENURED FORCE, THAN POLICE, AND ARCHBISHOP HOPED NEW MOVES WOULD MAKE POLICE MORE EFFECTIVE IN DEALING WITH ARMED GROUPS, WHETHER THOSE OF LYSSARIDES (TWICE MENTIONED) OR OF ANYBODY ELSE.

7. ARCHBISHOP SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHAT GRIVAS OBJECTIVES OR TIMETABLE MIGHT BE AT THIS STAGE, BUT IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT HIS ORGANIZATION APPEARED TO BE RUNNING INTO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. A FEW OF GRIVAS MEN WERE WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS INCIDENTS AND HAD OFFERED TO SURRENDER TO GOVT IF THEY COULD BE ASSURED THEY WOULD NOT SUFFER PRISON TERMS. ARCHBISHOP HAD REFUSED TO CONSIDER ANY SUCH DEAL AND IT WAS CLEAR HE HOPED THAT CONSTANT PRESSURE ON GRIVAS FORCES OVER TIME WOULD WEAKEN THEM.

8. ARCHBISHOP WAS PLEASED THAT HIS WIDELY PUBLICIZED CELEBRATION OF MASS MARCH 11 AT TRIKOMO, BIRTHPLACE OF GRIVAS AND A GRIVAS STRONGHOLD, HAD GONE OFF WITH EVERY SIGN OF LARGE SCALE SUPPORT IN THE VILLAGE AND NO INCIDENTS DURING HIS PRESENCE THERE. IT WAS A GESTURE GRIVAS WOULD UNDERSTAND.

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