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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: MAKARIOS GOES ON OFFENSIVE AGAINST GRIVAS;

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

BEGIN SUMMARY: CARRYING VERBAL ATTACK TO GRIVAS FOR FIRST
TIME, MAKARIOS SCATHINGLY DENOUNCES GENERAL’S “CRIMINAL ACTS”.

BISHOPS TO MEET APRIL 12, ARE EXPECTED TO EXTEND DEADLINE.

ALL LOCAL PAPERS CONDEMN ARAB ATTACKS IN NICOSIA.

GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS RESTRICT EVENING ACTIVITIES.

END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING APRIL 8 AND 10 RAIDS ON KOUTRAFAS AND PRASTIO

POLICE STATIONS, MAKARIOS SHARPLY ATTACKED GENERAL

GRIVAS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO NATIONAL

DISASTER. HE SAID KOUTRAFAS STATION, ADJACENT TO TURK

CYPRIOT CONTROLLED AREAS, CONSTITUED “NATIONAL OUTPOST”

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AND NOTED THAT THREE POLICEMEN WERE INJURED AND
ONE ATTACKER DIED IN THIS "HEROIC FOOLISHNESS".
MAKARIOS ALSO CASTIGATED GRIVAS FOR PRASSTIO ATTACK,
WHICH OCCURRED WHILE POLICE WERE BUSY TRYING TO DEAL
WITH ARAB TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN ATTACKS ON ISRAELI AMB’ S
RESIDENCE AND ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. ASSAULT ON CYPRIOT
POLICE AT THIS TIME SHOWS, SAID MAKARIOS. THAT GRIVAS
IS UNMOVED BY "FRATERNAL BLOODSHED" AND DANGER OF CIVIL
WAR. ARCHBISHOP REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION RESIST
TERRORIST ACTS AND STATED SECURITY FORCES WOULD INTENSIFY
THEIR EFFORTS CHECK GRIVAS "GROWING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES".
( PRO-GRIVAS ETHNIKI AND GNOMI DENY GRIVAS WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR PRASSTIO RAID, IN WHICH ATTACKERS WERE
REPORTEDLY REPULSED. AND CLAIM GOVT CREATED INCIDENT
DOLELY TO JUSTIFY ARCHBISHOP’S CONDEMNATION OF FORMER
EOKA LEADER.)

2. CYPRUS BISHOPS WILL MEET APRIL 12 TO CONSIDER FURTHER
ACTION AGAINST MAKARIOS. FOLLOWING HIS REFUSAL TAKE
COGNIZANCE OF THEIR DECISION TO DEFROCK HIM. BISHOPS
HAD GIVEN MAKARIOS 30 DAYS TO APPEAL DECISION. NOW,
WE UNDERSTAND, THIS WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL AFTER EASTER.

3. ALL LOCAL PAPERS HAVE EDITORIALIZED AGAINST ARAB
ATTACKS IN NICOSIA, WITH VARYING DEGREES OF VEHEMENCE.
RIGHT WING ELEFTHERIA CONDEMNED "MURDEROUS ACTION
WHICH HAS DYED STREETS OF NICOSIA WITH BLOOD." PRO-MAKARIOS
PHILELEFTHEROS FOLLOWED GOVT LINE THAT ARAB-ISRAEL
DISPUTE SHOULD BE KEPT OFF CYPRUS; WHILE EVEN LYSSARIDES
PRO-ARAB TA NEA VIEW INCIDENT AS MISTAKE WHICH
ENDANGERED LIVES OF POLICE AND ORDINARY PEOPLE. (GREEK
CYPRiot GRAPEVIEN HAS IT THAT LYSSARIDES SUPPLIED
GUERRILLAS THEIR WEAPONS, BUT THIS NOT SUBSTANTIATED.)
COMMUNIST HARAVGHI ATTACKED RIGHT WING CRITICS FOR
INTEMPERATE STATEMENTS AGAINST MAKARIOS FOR HIS
PRO-ARAB POLICY, BUT AT SAME TIME CALLED ON "ARAB
FRIENDS" TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ACTIONS IN CYPRUS.
ACCORDING HARAVGH, ATTACKS ONLY HELP THOSE TRYING TURN
CYPRIT INTO "AGGRESSIVE NATO SPRINGBOARD," ETC.

4. AS RESULT INTRA-GREEK CYPRiot BOMBINGS AND ARAB ATTACKS,
PEOPLE IN CYPRUS ARE BUTTONING UP AND STAYINGOFF
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ROADS AT NIGHT. TCPA HAS CAUTIONED TURK CYPRIOTS
AGAINST LEAVING ENCLAVES AFTER DARK AND MOST EMBASSY CONTACTS ARE FOLLOWING ADVICE. BRITISH AUTHORITIES AT SBA’S TOO HAVE WARNED THEIR PEOPLE TO LIMIT EVENING ACTIVITIES. THEY HAVE IMPOSED MILD CURFEW FOR BRITISH IN LARNACA, SUGGESTING PEOPLE BE OFF STREETS AFTER DARK. GREEK CYPRIOTS ALSO SEEM TO BE STAYING HOME AND ROADS ARE ABNORMALLY EMPTY DURING NIGHT HOURS.

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