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TAGS:  PINT CY
SUBJECT:  CYPRUS BISHOPS " DEFROCK" MAKARIOS

1. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES WE HEAR THAT CYPRUS BISHOPS CONCLUDED THEIR DELIBERATIONS IN LIMASSOL APRIL 13 AND ARE ISSUING STATEMENT CONTAINING FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) SINCE THE 30 DAYS GIVEN TO MAKARIOS TO APPEAL HAS RUN ITS COURSE, BISHOPS' DECISION TO DEFROCK HIM IS NOW FINAL. MAKARIOS IS NOW NO LONGER MEMBER OF THE CLERGY AND SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AS MICHAEL MOUSKOS

B) PRIESTS CONDUCTING MASS ARE HENCEFOROTH TO ASK BLESSING FOR BISHOPS, NOT ARCHBISHOP

C) BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE TO REGARD BISHOPS AS AUTHORITY FOR CHURCH FINANCIAL DEALINGS, NOT ARCHBISHOP

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D) BISHOP OF PAPHOS TO SERVE AS LOCUM TENENS UNTIL POST OF ARCHBISHOP AGAIN FILLED.

2. ARCHBISHOP HAS ALREADY STATED HE WOULD DISREGARD THIS DECISION.

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