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1. MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM PATRIARCHS OF JERUSALEM AND ALEXANDRIA, AS WELL AS GREEK ARCHBISHOP IERONOMOS' REPORTED CONDEMNATION BISHOPS' EFFORTS DEFROCK MAKARIOS, RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE ON GREEK CYPRIO NEWS MEDIA OVER WEEKEND. PATRIARCH BENEDICTOS OF JERUSALEM QUOTED AS OFFERING MAKARIOS HIS "UNDIVIDED SUPPORT" WHILE CONDEMNING BISHOPS FOR DISRUPTING CHURCH UNITY IN ACTION THAT IS "UNFOUNDED AND IRREGULAR AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NULL AND VOID." PATRIARCH NICOLAS OF ALEXANDRIA ALSO DENOUNCED BISHOPS' ACTION AS VIOLATING CANON LAW. ADDITIONALLY, CYPRUS RADIO QUOTES ARCHBISHOP IERONOMOS' "PRIVATE OPINION" THAT BISHOPS' ACTION UNLAWFUL SINCE 12

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BISHOPS REQUIRED TO DEFROCK CHURCH PRELATE.
2. ALTERNATE XON MIN KAVALIERATOS' MARCH 10 STATEMENT, THAT GREEK GOVT WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS WITH "GREAT ANXIETY" AND HOPES ALL PARTIES WILL REFRAIN FROM MOVES WHICH MIGHT WORSEN SITUATION, VIEWED AS ENCOURAGING SIGN BY MAKARIOS SUPPORTERS. PRO-GOVT PHILELFEPTHEROS, NOTING THAT MAKARIOS' POLICY IS ALSO THAT OF GREEK GOVT, PREDICTS AMB LAGACOS' CONSULTATIONS WILL RESULT IN "SILENCING REPLY" FROM ATHENS TO BISHOPS.

3. ONLY PRO-GRIVAS GNOMI AND EHNIKI SUPPORT BISHOPS. GNOMI CLAIMS BISHOPS' DECISION BASED ON CANON LAW AND, HENCE, VALID; WHILE EHNIKI REPEATS GRIVAS' DETERMINATION DEFEND BISHOPS AND ISSUES THINLY VEILED THREAT ASSASSINATE MAKARIOS IF HE MOVES AGAINST THEM. COMMENT: PIO CHRISTODOULOU TELLS US GOVT MAY BE FORCED VLOSE DOWN SOME OPPOSITION PAPERS IF THEY CONTINUE PREACH WHAT HE CALLS SUBVERSION.

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