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1. IN MARCH 28 BBC TELEVISION INTERVIEW REPORTED HERE
MARCH 30, ARCHBISHOP IS QUOTED AS SAYING THIS WILL BE
HIS "LAST TERM OF OFFICE." COMMENT: WHILE MAKARIOS HAS
PREVIOUSLY STATED HE PLANS RESIGN FOLLOWING INTERCOMMUNAL
AGREEMENT, THIS IS HIS FIRST SPECIFIC DISCLAIMER OF INTENTION
SEEK ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL TERM. THE PRESENT STATEMENT IS OF
COURSE NOT A COMMITMENT, AND MUCH WATER WILL RUN BEFORE
PRESENT TERM EXPIRES IN 1978.

2. GREEK AMB LAGACOS HAS BEEN ENGAGING IN WELL
PUBLICIZED EFFORTS TO MEDIATE MAKARIOS-GRIVAS DISPUTE.
HE HAS HAD TWO AUDIENCES AND ONE INFORMAL MEETING
WITH ARCHBISHOP. PLANS TO CONFER MARCH 30 WITH ESEA
PRESIDENT VASSILIADES, GRIVAS POLITICAL ARM, AND WILL RE-
PORTEDLY MEET AGAIN SHORTLY WITH CYPRUS BISHOPS. AT SAME
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TIME, VASSILIADES HAS HAD TWO RECENT MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH SEVERIS, WHO HAS BEEN ENDEAVORING PERSISTENTLY IF INEFFECTIVELY TO PATCH MATTERS UP BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND BISHOPS.

3. FOLLOWING MARCH 28 ATTACK BY GRIVASITES ON TEENAGE DAUGHTER OF LYSSARIDES SECRETARY, LEFTIST LEADER HAS BEEN GIVEN POLICE PROTECTION. LYSSARIDES SAYS GOVT TOLD HIM THAT GRIVAS PLANS ASSASSINATE HIM.

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