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BEGIN SUMMARY: MAKARIOS CALLS FOR UNFICYP REDUCTION, PRESS REACTION CAVALIERATOS STATEMENT. BOMBS IN PAPHOS.
END SUMMARY

1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE MARCH 17, MAKARIOS DECLARED INTER ALIA THAT UNFICYP SHOULD BE REDUCED TO OBSERVER FORCE IF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS DO NOT RESULT IN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR. COMMENT: WHILE ARCHBISHOP HAS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS IN PAST, THIS IS HIS MOST EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO CYPRUS GOVTS INDIFFERENCE OVER UNFICYP SIZE AND FIRST MENTION OF TIME FRAME FOR UNFICYP REDUCTION.

2. GREEK ALTERNATE FON MIN CAVALIERATOS MARCH 17 DENUNCIATION BISHOPS’ DECISION DEFROCK MAKARIOS (FBIS M171046) AND PRO- JUNTA ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALL FOR GREEK INTERVENTION TO PREVENT CYPRIOT CIVIL WAR
HEADLINED IN WEEKEND PRESS. PAPERS EDITORIALIZE
PREDICTABLY, WITH SYNAGERMOS URGING ATHENS TO INTERVENE;
ALITHIA TELLING BISHOPS TO LISTEN TO MOTHER COUNTRY;
AND PATRIS ATTACKING GREEK GOVT FOR INTERFERING WITH PURELY
ECCLESIASTICAL ISSUE. COMMUNIST NEW KERI WELCOMES
CAVALIERATOS STATEMENT BUT SUSPECTS ATHENS MAY VIEW MAKARIOS
AS "CONDITIONAL PRESIDENT" WHO CAN BE REMOVED AT LATER DATE.
NEI KERI POINTS OUT BISHOPS’ EFFORTS INITIALLY STIMULATED
BY GREEK GOVT.

COMMENT: AS NEWSPAPER REACTION FORESHADOWS, WE EXPECT
CAVALIERATOS STATEMENT TO BE WELCOMED BY MAKARIOS
SUPPORTERS HERE AS MOST UNEQUIVOCAL EFFORT TO DATE BY
GOVT TO DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ANTI-MAKARIOS RIGHT WING.

3. FOUR BOMBS EXPLODED IN PAPHOS NIGHT MARCH 18; ONE
OUTSIDE HOME POLICE SERGEANT, ANOTHER AT LOCAL POST OFFICE.
SERIOUS DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS, BUT NO INJURIES.

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