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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' SPEECH AUGUST 15, 1974

IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED SEPARATELY, I  
COMPLIMENTED FONMIN MAVROS ON STATEMANLIKE SPEECH MADE  
AUGUST 15 BY PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. I ASKED HIM WHETHER  
HE WAS IN POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT REFERENCE TO OTHER  
MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION THAT WOULD BE DISCLOSED LATER.  
HE REFERRED RATHER OBLIQUELY TO PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT BY  
PRIMIN ONGREEK ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH I GATHER MIGHT  
COME AUGUST 17 OR SOME TIME NEXT WEEK. HALF JOKINGLY, HE SAID ONE  
THING WAS DEFINITE: GREECE WOULD NOT ASK SOVIETS TO INTERVENE IN  
ANY WAY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT CRAMANLIS GOVERNMENT HAD  
NOW ASCERTAINED TRUE FACTS OF GREEK ECONOMIC SITUATION AND  
FOUND THAT VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING PREVIOUS TWO GOVERNMENTS  
HAD PUT OUT HAD BEEN FALSIFIED, CITING AS EXAMPLES FACTS  
THAT GOG HAD CLAIMED SURPLUS WHERE LARGE DEFICIT EXISTED  
AND HAD GIVEN HIGHLY EXAGGERATED GNP GROWTH RATE.  
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