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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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