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VISIT OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

1. THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISER AT THE ELYSEE GAVE US A BRIEF ACCOUNT ON 28 FEBRUARY OF THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS KYPRIANOU AND GISCARD EARLIER IN THE DAY. LECLERCQ SAID THAT LITTLE OF INTEREST HAD EMERGED. KYPRIANOU HAD PREDICTABLY SOUGHT FRENCH HELP IN RESTARTING THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. HE HAD SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO THE FRIENDS AND ALLIES OF TURKEY TO EXERT PRESSURE IN ANKARA TO MAKE DENKTASH MORE AMENABLE. IF THE WEST DECIDED TO PROVIDE MORE AID TO TURKEY, THIS LEVER SHOULD BE USED TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS. KYPRIANOU HAD DETAILED AT LENGTH TURKISH CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE.

2. PRESIDENT GISCARD HAD REPLIED THAT FRANCE WAS READY TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE TURKS TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. HE HAD NOT HOWEVER SPECIFIED IN WHAT FORM AN APPROACH MIGHT BE MADE, NOR WHETHER FRANCE WOULD WISH TO DO IT ALONE OR IN THE COMPANY OF OTHERS. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT GISCARD CAST A FLY OVER PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ON THE QUESTION OF THE UN COMMITTEE, THE LATTER HAD NOT DWELT ON IT. HE HAD SIMPLY SAID THAT THE TURKISH ATTITUDE WAS "PARADOXICAL" GIVEN THAT ON THE ONE HAND THEY WERE PROCRASTINATING OVER THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS NOW, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND REJECTING THE IDEA OF A UN COMMITTEE.

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