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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPT WAS RECEIVED FROM ATHENS TELNO 273 OF 21 OCTOBER BEGINS

MY TELNO 271: THE NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT.

1. THE COMPOSITION OF THE CABINET REFLECTS BOTH THE SCALE OF PASOK'S VICTORY AND PAPANDEOU'S PERSONAL PREDOMINANCE. ALL MINISTERS ARE PASOK MEMBERS, ALMOST ALL MPS. OF PASOK'S NINE-MAN EXECUTIVE BUREAU, SIX ARE IN THE GOVERNMENT THOUGH NOT ALL IN SENIOR POSTS. A SEVENTH, ALEVRAS, WILL BE PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT (SPEAKER) AND ONE OTHER HAS BEEN NAMED AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER. NO POST HAS BEEN GIVEN TO GEORGE MAVROS, THE FORMER CENTRE LEADER WHO MOVED OVER TO PASOK FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

2. PAPANDEOU HIMSELF RETAINS PERSONAL CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND WILL CHAIR KEY MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC, DEFENCE AND FOREIGN POLICY. HIS TENURE OF THE DEFENCE PORTFOLIO IS CALCULATED TO ENABLE HIM TO BOTH CONTROL AND REASSURE THE ARMED

FORCES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, HARALAMBOPOULOS (FOR ASSESSMENT SEE MIFT) ENJOYS PAPANDEOU'S TRUST, IT IS LACKING IN EXPERIENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE IS LIKELY TO BE KEPT ON A SHORT LEASH.

3. PAPANDEOU'S APPOINTMENTS IN ADDITION TO HIS RETENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE INDICATE THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO HAVING TRUSTED FIGURES IN POSTS RELEVANT TO INTERNAL SECURITY. YENNIMATAS, A HARD-LINER AND TRUSTED MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU, GOES TO THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, WHICH CONTROLS PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PASOK'S PLANS FOR DEVOLUTION. AT THE MINISTRY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, KOUTSOGIORGAS IS AN MPS FROM PAPANDEOU'S HOME AREA WITH CLOSE PERSONAL LINKS TO PAPANDEOU. HE WAS THE DEFENCE LAWYER IN THE ASPIDA TRIAL. HE WAS ALSO IMPRISONED TWICE BY JUNTA AND TORTURED BY THE ESA. HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (K.Y.P.) IS THEREFORE SIGNIFICANT ONE. HE WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE, THROUGH AN UNDER SECRETARY, FOR THE PRESS. FOR PUBLIC ORDER, PAPANDEOU HAS CHOSEN THE MODERATE SKOULARIKIS, WHO SHOULD HELP RETAIN CONFIDENCE AMONG THE POLICE AND GENDARMERIE.

4. IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR, PROFESSOR LAZARIS, AN ACADEMIC, WILL BE MINISTER OF COORDINATION PENDING THE CREATION OF AN ENLARGED MINISTRY OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, WHICH HE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER ONCE THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN PASSED. OUR FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH HIM SUGGEST THAT, THOUGH A CONVINCED BELIEVER IN CENTRAL PLANNING, HE IS SENSITIVE TO THE NEED TO REASSURE GREEK AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC CIRCLES, AND PRAGMATIC ABOUT THE PACE AND CONTENT OF PASOK'S PROGRAMME OF 'SOCIALISATION' OF KEY SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY. AS CHAIRMAN OF PASOK'S PLANNING COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION, HE TOO IS CLOSE TO PAPANDEOU. HIS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED. HE GIVES THE APPEARANCE OF A BACKROOM TECHNICIAN RATHER THAN A PERSONALITY CAPABLE OF DOMINATION OVER OTHER ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND OF STANDING UP TO PAPANDEOU. DRETTAKIS, AT FINANCE, IS A LSE GRADUATE WITH GOOD ENGLISH, WHO RENOUNCED HIS DUAL BRITISH NATIONALITY ON 21 OCTOBER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ASSUMING OFFICE. PROFESSOR SIMITIS, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WELL KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY WAS PASOK'S LEADING THEORETICIAN UNTIL HE FELL OUT OF FAVOUR WITH PAPANDEOU IN 1979. PEPONIS, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, A CAPABLE LAWYER, WAS ONE OF PASOK'S NOMINATED MEMBERS.

5. PAPANDEOU'S SUCCESS IN THE ELECTIONS WAS I BELIEVE LARGELY BASED ON HIS CALL FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE AND HIS PROMISE OF RADICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT IN THE MINISTRIES OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION HE HAS PLACED MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE BUREAU AS MINISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES) AND JUNIOR MINISTER (EDUCATION). PASOK'S EMPHASIS ON EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN DURING THE CAMPAIGN IS REFLECTED IN THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE MINISTER (THE ACTRESS MELINA MERCOURI AT CULTURE) AND TWO WOMEN UNDER SECRETARIES.

6. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CHARACTERISE THE NEW GOVERNMENT FROM THE PERSONALITIES IT CONTAINS AS MODERATE OR HARD-LINE IT CONTAINS BOTH LIBERAL AND MORE DOCTRINAIRE ELEMENTS. IN MAKING HIS APPOINTMENTS PAPANDEOU HAS CHOSEN TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO PARTY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE SHARED THE LONG PERIOD OF OPPOSITION AND THE HEAT OF THE CAMPAIGN. THERE ARE AS YET NO OUTSIDE TECHNOCRATS. THIS ADDS TO THE IMPRESSION OF AN EXECUTIVE FAMILY STAMPED WITH PAPANDEOU'S IMPRINT AND SUBJECT, AT LEAST IN THE EARLY STAGES, TO THE SAME TIGHT CONTROL THAT PAPANDEOU EXERCISED OVER THE PARTY IN OPPOSITION.

7. PERSONALITY NOTES ON 14 MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WERE INCLUDED WITH LLEWELLYN SMITH'S LETTER TO DAUNT OF 12 OCTOBER. FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL AND NOTES ON THE REMAINING PERSONALITIES WILL FOLLOW BY BAG.  
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