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1. AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S LUNCH WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR TODAY THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON CYPRUS.

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS A KEY COUNTRY IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, COULD DO TO HELP HIM SECURE A CONSTRUCTIVE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH. HE HOPED HE COULD OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM THE TURKISH SIDE TO BREAK THE VICIOUS CIRCLE. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE IN THE STRONGER POSITION AND IT WAS FOR THEM TO MAKE A GESTURE BY OFFERING TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD BE BALANCED BY CONSTITUTIONAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS. HE HAD ASKED PRESIDENT REAGAN AND HERR GENSCHER TO MAKE PERSONAL APPEALS FOR FLEXIBILITY ON THE TURKISH SIDE. HE WAS MAKING THE SAME REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. HE DID NOT EXPECT A SOLUTION WITHIN 3 - 4 MONTHS BUT IF SOMETHING COULD BE SALVAGED FROM THE OCTOBER ROUND THIS WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED WHETHER PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD ANY SPECIFIC, LIMITED OBJECTIVES IN MIND. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT THE TURKISH SIDE MUST GIVE BACK TO THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE GROUND FOR RESETTLEMENT AND FORGET THEIR IDEA OF EQUAL POWER, WHICH WAS A RECIPE FOR TOTAL PARALYSIS. ON THEIR SIDE THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAD TO REALISE THAT IT WAS NONSENSE TO GO BACK TO THE 1960 CONSTITUTION.

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4. THE SECRETARY OF STATE COMMENTED THAT THESE WERE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS. WERE THERE NO MORE LIMITED OBJECTIVES WHICH COULD BE ACHIEVED? PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT IF THE TURKS COULD HAVE LESS THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY, EVEN A TINY BIT LESS, AND IF THERE COULD BE A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WITH ENOUGH POWER TO RUN THE COUNTRY, BUT NOT IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE POPULATION THESE WOULD BE MORE LIMITED AND ACHIEVABLE OBJECTIVES. THE TROUBLE WAS THAT BOTH SIDES THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD ALREADY MADE ENORMOUS CONCESSIONS. SIR JOHN THOMSON SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A QUALITATIVE CHANGE SINCE TURKISH- CYPRIOT UDI. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT THIS WAS WHY HE WAS SEEKING A GLOBAL SOLUTION, WHICH SOMEHOW BY-PASSED UDI.

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