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YOUR TELNO 002: ⁽²²⁾ CYPRUS: MESSAGE TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER

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1. THERE IS A DANGER THAT THE TURKS WILL TAKE AMISS SOME OF THE REFERENCES IN THE DRAFT MESSAGE TO THE 'THREE FREEDOMS', ON WHICH THERE WILL CLEARLY BE A NEED FOR THE TWO SIDES TO FIND A MIDDLE WAY. DENKTASH HAS TOLD US HE UNDERSTANDS THIS. THE AIM OF THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE THE TURKS TO PUSH HIM FURTHER IN THAT DIRECTION. THE PRESENT DRAFT MAY GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ACCEPT THE GREEK CYPRIOT OPENING POSITION AS IT STANDS. THIS IS NOT, OF COURSE, THE CASE: VASSILIOU TOO WILL HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IF A MIDDLE WAY IS TO BE FOUND.
2. THE TWO SENTENCES WHICH CAUSE PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY ARE 'BUT THE 18 YEARS NEVER SEE THEIR LAND AND HOMES AGAIN' IN PARA 3.
3. THE HARSH FACT IS THAT THEY WILL NOT/NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THEM AGAIN UNLESS THERE IS A SETTLEMENT. IF, HOWEVER, THE TWO SIDES CAN AGREE ON TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS, THIS MAY ALLOW PERHAPS THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO WISH TO DO SO TO RETURN, WHILE THE REMAINDER RECEIVE COMPENSATION.
3. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE HOPE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE WORDING FOR THESE TWO SENTENCES ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:
'BUT THE 18 YEARS MR DENKTASH HAS PROPOSED IS TOO LONG. SOME WAY MUST BE FOUND TO REDUCE THIS PERIOD, WHILE MEETING MR DENKTASH'S SECURITY CONCERNS'.
4. SINCE THE MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED, THE MAYOR OF ISTANBUL HAS TOLD OUR CONSUL GENERAL THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD FOR THE ISTANBUL EXPRESSWAY PROJECT AND THAT CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND THE BRITISH CONSORTIUM (TWEAK), LED BY TARMAC AND WIMPEY, WILL BE SIGNED AS SOON AS THE TREASURY HAVE APPROVED THE TERMS. SO FAR WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE DONE SO. IF THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES, IT WOULD SEEM WORTH ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO THE MESSAGE ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:

'TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, I HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM OUR CONSUL GENERAL IN ISTANBUL THAT MAYOR DALAN HAS TOLD HIM THAT YOU HAVE AGREED THAT HE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISTANBUL EXPRESSWAY PROJECT, AND THAT CONTRACTS WILL SOON BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND THE BRITISH CONSORTIUM LED BY TARMAC AND WIMPEY. I AM VERY ENCOURAGED BY THIS NEWS.'

5. YOU MAY ALSO CARE TO SHOW THE DRAFT MESSAGE TO SIR J FRETWELL, WHO SAW DENKTASH ON 29 NOVEMBER.

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1. PLEASE DELIVER TEXT IN MIFT.
2. YOU SHOULD NOT (NOT) ADD TO THE MESSAGE THE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF TUR. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, DRAW ON IT IN HANDING OVER THE MESSAGE.

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