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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with US Ambassador-designate to Greece, Jack B. Kubisch

Karamanlis has written to President Ford and Chiefs of State of the other NATO allies a letter formally announcing Greek withdrawal from NATO but maintaining membership in the Alliance. Karamanlis says:

"As a consequence of this decision Greece shall recover forthwith, over her entire territory, air space and territorial waters full exercise of sovereignty which has heretofore been limited on account of her participation in NATO and as a result of the permanent presence on Greek soil of foreign military installations and facilities or of the regular use of Greek air space and territorial waters by foreign military aircraft and naval vessels."

The letter announces that Greece is ready to examine with NATO and her allies the practical measures called for by the implementation of these decisions.

State and Defense are working on an overall guidance cable to USNATO and Capitals setting out courses of actions the allies might take in persuading Greece it need not necessarily follow the French model. For military and financial reasons, Greece is likely to want continued involvement in NADGE, the NATO Communications Systems, and NATO R & D. Greece might be prepared to make the Air Weapons Training Center and the missile firing installation available to NATO on a reimbursable basis and to provide overflight rights.

Our actions are designed:

1. To prevent the Greek Government from feeling any more cornered than they do on the NATO issue.
2. To limit damage if they do actually leave the integrated structure.

You might wish to underline to Jack Kubisch the importance we place in getting Greece back into the integrated structure of the Alliance and, in any event, of retaining key facilities and overflight rights on a bilateral basis.

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