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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: WSAG Meeting of 22 July 1974 on Cyprus

Attendees: SecState Kissinger  
DepSecState Ingersoll  
Acting ASD/ISA Jordan  
Ambassador at Large McCloskey  
Chairman JCS Brown  
DCI Rep Gen Walters  
DASD/ISA Bergold

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Time and Place: 10:30 AM, White House Situation Room

(S) [redacted] concluded that the Turkish forces in Cyprus have achieved a beachhead north of Nicosia, but have not fought well, either on the ground or in the air. Many of the Turkish enclaves in Cyprus have either been lost or reprisals have been taken against the Turkish Cypriots in those enclaves. The Turkish force was being reinforced today with additional combat units and supplies.

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(S) The Soviets contacted the Secretary of State this morning and obtained his support for their putting a ship into the port of Larnaca on the south-eastern part of Cyprus in order to evacuate some 150 Soviet personnel.

(S) On the balance of forces on the island, Secretary Kissinger opined the Turks are worse off now than before intervention. True they have a beachhead and some control of the Kyrenia-Nicosia corridor, but they have failed to take Nicosia or the airport and have had their communities decimated.

(S) Concerning Archbishop Makarios, whom Secretary Kissinger was going to see later today, the US view is that we will not disassociate ourselves from him, but we shall not push him either. It was the consensus that Sampson, the Cypriote president, has no wide support independent of Greece. Therefore, if Greece drops its support, he will likely be replaced, since Turkey opposes him. Secretary Kissinger said Ecevit has told him Turkey also opposes a return of Makarios.

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(1) The US, with the support of UK and France, is striving to get negotiations between the Greeks and Turks started. It seems likely that these negotiations will take place in Geneva or Vienna. The Secretary indicated his desire to steer these negotiations through the difficult problems to be addressed. As a related matter, the Secretary indicated that he has been in discussion with the UN Secretary General on the need to increase the UN security force on Cyprus after a cease-fire. This relates to a concern expressed by Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit for the safety of Turkish Cypriots from reprisals by the Greek Cypriots.

(2) Secretary Kissinger said he had signed the execute order for evacuation of American citizens from the SBA. He said he meant this to include evacuation of the FBIS personnel from the north coast.

(3) Secretary Kissinger commented that, on the whole, the US has gained politically from the Cyprus matter. The Soviets have been shown to be impotent in the area, and the Arabs will read it that way. On the island of Cyprus, we may also be better off.

(4) General Brown asked about the AMERICA, still at Rota, and if he could have her train in Rota waters. Secretary Kissinger said there was no problem with that.

(5) Concerning deliveries of aid shipments to Greece and Turkey, Secretary Kissinger expressed the view that there is no need to delay deliveries of any equipment for Turkey. He expressed his concurrence with the delay, "for technical reasons", of major items for Greece. In discussions, it was clarified that this pertained only to F-4 aircraft currently in the pipeline (at Rota). Secretary Kissinger said to move the F-4 being held at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis to Rota with the others so that in a few days we can make a decision about sending them all to Greece. He said all Greeks regardless of their feelings about this Greek Government are behind the Greek stand on Cyprus. We must not appear to be cutting off aid in that atmosphere. This is why the President was so angry yesterday about the Getler article and the President "violently reaffirmed" his position on aid to Greece. If the President has to sign a written memorandum to that effect he will do so, although it should not be necessary on a newspaper story. Meanwhile, Secretary Kissinger said he was speaking for the President on the issue of US policy to continue aid to Greece.

(6) There was discussion on the Getler article's origin. Secretary Kissinger closed it by saying, "Of course the Getler story came from Defense; he doesn't even come around the State Department." He asked that Defense issue a statement today to the press to the effect that aid to Greece never has been stopped.

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