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ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' RETURN UNBLEMISHED BY VIOLENCE.

(U) As expected, Makarios' return to Cyprus did not result in disruption of the tense but peaceful atmosphere on the island. In an emotional speech to a welcoming crowd he took a hardline against acceptance of a fait accomli achieved by Turkish military operations and against any solution based on population movement. Although stating a solution providing for the peaceful coexistence of Greek and Turkish Cypriots was possible, the Archbishop carefully avoided commitment to a specific course of action for the negotiations.

(P) [redacted] the crowd appeared more interested in seeing the Archbishop than in listening to what he had to say. The people were largely indifferent to Makarios' rhetoric, spontaneously applauding only on his initial appearance and on the mention of Cypriot National Guard Commander General Karayannis and Glafkos Clerides.

(U) [redacted] Turkish military forces remain on alert, but the next few days are expected to remain quiet as the Archbishop plumbs the depths of his support among the various factions on the island. Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash has announced that the Council of Ministers and Turkish Cypriot Legislative Assembly will issue a statement on their view of the situation. They are likely to highlight concern with Makarios' opposition to population shifts because of the importance which the Turks have placed on the movement of Turkish Cypriots from the south to the Turkish zone.

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Otherwise, the statement will probably reflect the "wait and see" attitude which generally pervades the atmosphere on Cyprus. (SOS-31-800-80)



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