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CHRONOLOGY OF CYPRUS CRISIS

(key events asterisked)

* JULY 15: Morning

COUP. Cyprus National Guard topples Makarios

US RESPONSE. Embassies in Athens and Ankara reaffirmed US policy and requested both governments to provide an immediate evaluation of the situation.

UK RESPONSE. Britain also intervened diplomatically.

JULY 15: Afternoon

TURKISH REPLY. Turk armed forces placed in advanced alert status but agree to defer action for 24 hours.

JULY 16: Morning

TURKS ASK UK FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER LONDON-ZURICH ARRANGEMENTS. Turkish DCM characterizes this as first logical step toward intervention.

GREEK REPLY. Delayed GOG response publicly stresses its alleged policy of "non-interference" and independence for Cyprus. Privately, IOANIDES is more disdainful. Claims he approves of coup but did not instigate it.

JULY 16: Afternoon

NATO MEETING. Council "consensus" expressed by Greeks: Turks must rotate their Cyprus contingent as scheduled on July 17; replace their officers on National Guard.

SAMPSON SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT

JULY 17: Morning

CYPRUS REBELS ATTEMPT ASSURANCES. Claim that they do not want Enosis; ask Clerides to remain as President of House and Negotiator.



ANKARA'S DEMANDS. Ecavit states Turkey's conditions for no intervention:

- territorial corridors to sea
- Greek Officer withdrawal

--restitution of Constitutional government

If terms not met within a "few days," Turks will intervene.

JULY 17: Afternoon & Evening

British, French, EC-9 and UN efforts continue to seek resolution.

JULY 18: Morning

GREEK CYPRIOT ROADBLOCKS. The first imposed on the Turkish Community since 1958

JULY 18: Afternoon

TURK CYPRIOT RESPONSE. Denktash advocates Ankara intervention.

REPORTS ON ATHENS JUNTA. Greek Airforce placed in high alert status; Greek Foreign Ministry reportedly ceased functioning on day of coup; Greek Ambassador in Ankara resigns over handling of Cyprus problem.

JULY 18: Evening

NATO: GREEK STAND; TURK RESPONSE. Athens Junta rejects allegations of its involvement in Cyprus coup. Agrees to rotate, not withdraw, Greek officers attached to NG.

Turkey insists on withdrawal.

SAMPSON'S DECEPTIVE CLAIMS. Officers leading NG are residents and citizens of Cyprus; no Communist (read opposition) leader has been arrested.

JULY 18: Evening - JULY 19: Morning

SISCO MISSION. Talks with UK emphasize UK efforts to initiate London-Zurich consultations. Talks with Ecevit show hardness of Turkish Government position.

ECEVIT'S TOUGHER LINE. Turkish delegation divided. Turks will not talk to Greeks in tripartite context. Ecevit shares UK view that Greeks will not participate in July 21 London talks.

ECEVIT'S PRESS COMMENTS. Ankara can wait only 24 hours. Comments linked to Parliament meeting, scheduled afternoon of July 20.

TURK MILITARY PLANNING. Turkish Airforce Chief tells JUSMATT that Ankara may decide today on intervention. Optimum posture for Turkish intervention may decline after 48-hour period.

JULY 19: Morning

CYPRUS: COMMUNAL TALKS DETERIORATE. Turk Cypriot Defense Minister claims Greeks had erased the status quo. Dekleris (Athens' constitutional expert in Nicosia) pleads with Ambassador Davies that Greeks have left un-

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changed status of island. Dekleris urges continuation of inter-communal talks.

AMBASSADOR DAVIES' INTERCESSION. Davies passes on Dekleris position to Denktash, but Denktash remains unmoved; he says only solution is Turkish intervention, preferably with British cooperation.

SISCO EFFORTS IN ATHENS. GOG agrees to attend talks in "spirit" of London-Zurich and to make some substantive concessions to Turks.

SEC STATE meanwhile confers with British Foreign Secretary and French Foreign Minister. Joint US-British-French strategy agreed upon.

CONFlicting HOPES:

1. CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER DIMITRIOU'S CLAIMS: His alleged willingness to talk to Ankara. Yet Ecevit views coup as Enosis.

2. UK: Hope for Greek Junta agreement to London talks

JULY 19: Afternoon

UN. Pressure builds for early Security Council resolution on withdrawal of Greek officers in NG.

JULY 19: Evening

DISSENT AMONG GREEK CYPRIOTS. Dimitriou says publicly Sampson cannot be trusted.

SISCO'S ANKARA MISSION: Protracted negotiations with Turks unable to change their resolve.

* TURKS INVADE. Ecevit says Turkish action necessary because diplomacy failed.

JULY 20: Morning

TURK OBJECTIVES. Secure foothold on island between Nicosia and Kyrenia.

CYPRUS SITUATION. Inter-communal fighting breaks out; UN representative Weckman proposes that Nicosia be declared an "open city," but CNG adamantly rejects.

* * GREEK RESPONSE. Demands Turk ceasefire and withdrawal; threat of Enosis declaration. Full mobilization ordered. Greece on war footing.

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by telephone.

US OBJECTIVES. Prevent Greece from going to war; obtain early ceasefire on Cyprus; get Greek-Turkish talks started in London immediately.

SISCO. Communicates to Turkish Government our extreme disappointment for using military means before diplomatic process exhausted.

UN. Greek Ambassador accepts resolution calling for immediate end to foreign military intervention and their withdrawal.

JULY 20: Afternoon

CYPRUS MILITARY SITUATION. Turks only partially control Kyrenia and road to Nicosia. Turkish Cypriot enclaves in Paphos and Limassol surrender. Airport battle.

Greeks prepare to reinforce on Cyprus.

Makarios denounces Turk invasion. Claims diplomatic means not exhausted.

SEC STATE, announces Greek acceptance of London talks; hopes Turks attend; US airborne division on alert.

US deplores military action by Turkey as well as Junta's role in coup.

EC AND NATO SUPPORT.

JULY 20: Evening

* UN: SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION PASSED. Calls for ceasefire, withdrawal of foreign troops unauthorized by international agreements, re-establishment of constitutional government.

JULY 21: Morning

SISCO-ECEVIT MEETING: Presses for Turk ceasefire agreement.

TASCA. Presses for ceasefire in Athens. Greek President threatens NATO withdrawal.

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JULY 21: Afternoon

SISCO. Shuttles between Athens and Ankara. Publicly states that "progress has been made toward ceasefire." Neither Greece nor Turkey have agreed as yet to send representatives to London.

JULY 21: Evening

NATO: GREEK OFFICERS LEAVING. Luns announces that officers ordered to leave.

JULY 22: Morning

CEASEFIRE. Ecevit announces ceasefire at 0300 EDT. Athens agrees at 0500. To take effect at 1000EDT.

BRITISH PROPOSE VIENNA. Heavy fighting continues. Greek planes reinforce.

JULY 22: Afternoon

Sporadic fighting continues. Vienna proposal accepted.

Ecevit announces Turkish presence irrevocable.

JULY 22: Evening

GREEKS COMPLAIN - about ceasefire violations to Sisco. Greek mobilization continues.

SECURITY COUNCIL. Waldheim announces intention to increase UNFICYP contingents. No Security Council objections.

JULY 23: Morning

CEASEFIRE HOLDING. But local battles continue to consolidate positions. Situation becoming less stable.

JULY 23: Afternoon

GREEK JUNTA STEPS DOWN. Karamanlis invited to return.

CLERIDES interim President of Cyprus.

PEACE CONFERENCE set for Geneva July 24.

JULY 23: Evening

CLERIDES STATUS: "ACTING PRESIDENT" Clerides tells Ambassador Davies that he is "Acting President" in accordance with Cypriot constitution. His role will be determined by constitutional procedures. Davies says we desire to maintain relations with him. Turkish Foreign Minister Gunes declares that Clerides is only the legitimate "administrator" of Greek Cypriot community.

KARAMANLIS ASSUMES OFFICE.

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JULY 24: Morning

* TURKS THREATEN NICOSIA AIRPORT. UN Commandor Weckmann ordered to resist. Weckmann notifies Turks that an attack on his forces would be an attack on all eight nations.

UK REINFORCES its UN forces contingent from its SBR's, thus bolstering Nicosia Airport defenses.

GENEVA TALKS. If Turks attack airport, Greeks say they will not attend.

KARAMANLIS AND CABINET SWORN IN. President Ghizikis says he would resign if necessary but remaining on the job.

KING CONSTANTINE says he hopes to return soon to Greece, but he is not sent for by new government.

ECEVIT CONGRATULATES KARAMANLIS, expressing hopes for "friendly dialogue and cooperation."

JULY 24: Afternoon

CLERIDES ON CYPRUS STATUS, publicly announces his aim is to make Cyprus an independent sovereign state, whether the form be "federal or otherwise."

Cyprus Communist party (Akel) decides to support Clerides

JULY 24: Evening

UN SECURITY COUNCIL. Waldheim relates how Turk Ambassador in Cyprus threatened takeover of airport. Turk Perm Rep provides SYG with letter stating his country will: "not attempt to assume possession of Nicosia airport by force, threat of force, or other means of coercion."

JULY 25: Morning

* TURK THREAT TO AIRPORT ENDS. Now 1,000 UN troops guarding airport.

TURKS CONTINUE REINFORCEMENT AND EXPANSION.

MAVROS INSISTS ON CEASE-FIRE before Geneva talks begin. He refuses to discuss Cyprus' status without a representative from that island.

Mavros refers to Makarios as "the elected President of the Republic of Cyprus."

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JULY 25: Afternoon

TURK INTENTIONS UNCLEAR. Their reinforcements continue. Greeks and British fear Turk takeover of major portion of island. Embassy thinks the Turks intend to consolidate rather than expand their position.

GREEKS ONLY PARTIALLY DEMOBILIZE, continuing their high state of readiness.

UK-TURK RELATIONS STRAINED over British insistence yesterday at UN Security Council that Turks publicly commit themselves not to take over Nicosia airport.

PRE-GENEVA TALKS STANCES:

- GUNES supports a "federal" solution.
- MAVROS insists on a "return to constitutional order on Cyprus, which could be interpreted by some as including Makarios' return.
- CLERIDES AND DENKTASH are less than enthusiastic about Makarios and feel the question of his return is for Cypriots to decide.
- MAKARIOS' RETURN. There are private indications, however, that neither Athens nor Nicosia governments want Makarios back on Cyprus.

JULY 25: Evening

SERIOUS FIGHTING ERUPTS in Kyrenia District as Turkish forces expand. Nicosia and airport however quiet. Turk forces estimated by Wackmann at 12,000 to 14,000 and increasing.

GENEVA. Greek and Turkish Foreign Ministers reaffirm their endorsement of Security Council Resolution 353.

CALLAGHAN PROPOSES:

1. to push cease-fire without defining any permanent settlement
2. a two-week pause before discussing a political settlement and a durable military settlement

GUNES AGREES, BUT... stresses that a cease fire alone is inadequate and that conference must deal with basic constitutional issues after a week.

MAVROS THREATENS TO WALK OUT unless Turks observe a cease-fire.

JULY 26: Morning

CONTINUED TURKISH MILITARY ACTION substantially increases possibility of conference breakdown.

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CLERIDES WARNS: if Turks do not cease operations, he cannot control the CNG.

ATHENS WARNS US that a wider conflict will ensue if Turks continue to expand their area of control.

Karamanlis indicates publicly that his government of 19 new ministers includes some younger "progressive" members.

JULY 26: Evening

UN meeting on Cyprus, called by Rossides, postponed because Security Council members prefer awaiting outcome of Geneva talks. Rossides agrees. Claims Makarios, not Clerides, provides the UN delegation with instruction.

CALLAGHAN also opposes a UN meeting now.

TURK OBJECTIVES. Turkish Parl Rep Olcay suggests Ankara should be pushed hard for a definition of its objectives.

ARMY THREAT TO KARAMANLIS. New Greek Defense Minister, Averoff, tells Tasca that the military are unhappy with liberalization and would oppose Papandreu's return. Military is also blaming the USG, alleging that we first tacitly supported coup against Makarios, then failed to support Greece afterwards.

JULY 27: Morning

TURK HALT THEIR ADVANCE, though continue reinforcement and resupply.

JULY 27: Afternoon

* GENEVA: TURK OBJECTIVES. Haluk Ulman, personal representative of Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit, reveals that Ankara insists:

1. there be no return to status quo ante.
2. 1960 constitutional arrangements have failed.
3. minimal Turkish position is that communique must provide for a long-term establishment of two autonomous administrations on Cyprus, i.e. a federation on the island.
4. Turkey wants Greece to recognize this de facto situation in the Geneva communique.

BUFFUM'S ASSESSMENT. Turks will maintain military pressure until they obtain agreement on political arrangement

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UN FORCES. Current strength: 2,800. Reinforcements contemplated. Mandate expansion also considered.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL. Rossides insists on meeting, reciting Turk violations. Greek and Turk representative trade charges.

SOVIET POSITION. Reportedly supporting Clerides only as "Acting President" and working for Makarios' return. Soviets believe Turkey will not relinquish currently-held territory.

JULY 28: Morning

CYPRUS. Some military activity continues. Clerides complains to Ambassador Davies.

JULY 28: Afternoon

GENEVA TALKS CONTINUE. Greeks no longer threatening to walk out.

Major outstanding issue: limitation on and control of all troops, arms and war material on Cyprus.

KARAMANLIS APPEALS TO WILSON for UK intervention to prevent the "unavoidable generalization of the conflict."

SOVIETS SEND OBSERVER. Soviets demand that Makarios join the Geneva talks and all foreign troops withdraw. Soviets also insist on a Security Council meeting to consider implementing the week-old resolution.

CYPRUS COMMUNIST PARTY (Akal) announces it will oppose any move by Clerides to depose Makarios.

GREECE. Andreas Papandreou plans to return on July 31.

JULY 28-29: Evening-Morning

GENEVA TALKS: TURKS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL. Callaghan reports that the British and the Greeks have made a number of concessions, while the Turks remain intransigent.

TENTATIVE TEXT:

1. Cessation of offensive activities
2. UNFICYP secured buffer zones
3. evacuation of Turk-Cypriot enclaves by Greek-Cypriot forces

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4. UNFICYP protection in mixed villages
5. exchange or release of detainees
6. withdrawal of all foreign military personnel (other than those permitted) "with the least possible delay."
7. Further talks on implementing resolution 353 and reestablishing constitutionalism.

CALLAGHAN'S ALTERNATE LANGUAGE

Calls for consideration of:

"eventual demilitarization of the Republic and the desirability of elaborating measures which would lead to the timely and phased reduction of armed forces and amount of armaments."

Buffum says he seeks removal of demilitarization reference.

SOVIETS SEEK SPECIAL MISSION. Ambassador Bennet reports the Soviets are seeking a meeting on July 29 and a special Security Council mission to Cyprus.

JULY 29: Afternoon

TALKS DEADLOCKED over Athens' insistence and Ankara's refusal on eventual withdrawal of Turkish forces.

JULY 29: Evening

SET STATE TELEPHONES ECEVIT. Misunderstandings clarified.

JULY 30: Morning

AGREEMENT NEAR but some unresolved issues. Next round of talks will discuss Cyprus' status in early August.

JULY 30: Evening

DECLARATION OF GENEVA signed by Callaghan for the UK, Gunes for Turkey and Mavros for Greece.

JULY 31

GENEVA AGREEMENT welcomed by Ecevit, Karamanlis expressed satisfaction, Makarios said he was pleased but concerned at its vagueness.

WALDHEIM MOVED to raise mandate issue in a possible Security Council meeting later today in order obtain approval for altered UNFICYP role emerging from the Geneva Agreement.

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