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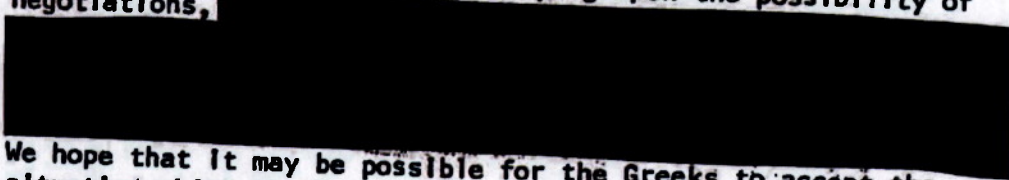
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

14 August 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of WASAG, 14 August 1974 (U)

1. (U) The WASAG met at 1500 hours, 14 August 1974, presided over by Secretary of State Kissinger. OSD was represented by Mr. Ellsworth, Mr. Jordan and MG McAuliffe. The CJCS, General Brown, and his Assistant, LTG Pauly, were present also.
2. ~~40~~ Mr. Colby, Director, CIA, presented an intelligence assessment of the situation on Cyprus. In sum, he reported that the Turkish military advance eastward toward Famagusta was proceeding more rapidly than expected. CIA estimates that it will take the Turks from three to six days to accomplish their apparent goal of securing an enclave encompassing the northeast portion of the island. (Mr. Kissinger believes this will be accomplished by this weekend and a ceasefire will then come about.) The CIA also believes that the Greeks will not take military action against Turkey at this time. The Greek announcement of withdrawal from the NATO military organization was discussed, and the implications concerning US facilities in Greece are not clear.
3. ~~40~~ Mr. Kissinger stated that he had sent messages to Clerides, Karamanlis and Ecevit aimed at keeping open the possibility of negotiations,



We hope that it may be possible for the Greeks to accept the situation which the Turks will have caused to come about in Cyprus. Mr. Kissinger commented upon his recent telephone conversation with Mr. Callaghan, who reported a rising anti-British feeling in Greece, and is coming to believe that no diplomacy will work and that the situation in Cyprus will evolve into a Federated State. Kissinger disagrees with Callaghan on this. In the discussion, Mr. Sisco noted a rising anti-Americanism in Greece. Mr. Kissinger appeared to attach

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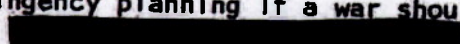
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importance to the responses of Clerides, Karamanlis and Ecevit to his messages, and indicated that a decision on whether any other channels of communication, such as military to military, are pursued with the Turks or Greeks should await these responses.

4. ~~(U)~~ Mr. Ellsworth brought up the matter of FMS shipments enroute to Turkey and Greece. Those requiring immediate action would be handled as follows:

a. The ship LASH ITALIA, containing military items for Greece and Turkey, should be kept headed towards Greece. (It was brought out at the meeting that, through State Department intervention, the ship was being diverted into Naples, but that a further notification should be given by Defense on Friday prior to unloading cargo in Greece.)

b. Concerning the aircraft being flown from the US through Torrejon, Spain to Turkey (two F4s and three F100s) and Greece (one F4), those aircraft which are now at Torrejon or already enroute there will be held at Torrejon through Friday for technical reasons; those aircraft still in the US will be held here until Monday. Further decisions will be made on those days as to the continuation of these flights to their destinations.

6. (U) Mr. Kissinger directed that the WASAG Working Group be re-assembled in order to review contingency planning if a war should erupt between Greece and Turkey. 

7. ~~(U)~~ Mr. Kissinger stressed the importance that Defense and State spokesmen adhere to a similar press line. Attention was invited

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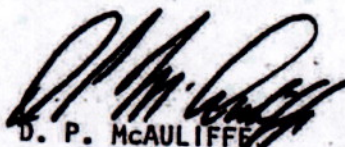
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In this connection to the press briefing which Ambassador McCloskey had given earlier in the day.

8. (U) There will be a follow-on meeting of the WASAG at 1100 hours 15 August. One of the matters to be addressed will be the responses of the three governments to the messages sent today.



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