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STATE/RCI FOR SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG
SSO DIA INFO FOR DEP SEC DEP CARLUCCI
FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BRUSSELS

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I HAVE SENT BY SEPARATE CABLE BOTH A SUMMARY AND A FULL REPORT
ON MY MEETING WITH PAPANDEOU FROM WHICH YOU WILL SEE THERE WAS
A VERY GOOD ATMOSPHERE. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL MORE
ABOUT WHETHER HE REALLY MEANS IT AFTER OUR DEFENSE MINISTERS'
MEETINGS. I WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH YOU UPON YOUR ARRIVAL
HERE TO GO OVER ANY LATER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL
TO YOU.

I UNDERSTAND FROM FRANK THAT YOU HAD CONCERN OVER OUR ANNOUNCEMENT
OF A TURKISH/U.S. JOINT MILITARY GROUP. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY ME
AT GLENEAGLES AND ACCEPTED BY THE TURKS SOMETIME AGO. IT IS
SIMPLY "AN EXPEDITING COMMISSION" DESIGNED TO DISCOVER AND REMOVE
BOTTLENECKS IN PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND OTHER

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COOPERATIVE MEASURES. IT WOULD BE A CONTINUING GROUP SO THAT EVERYTIME A PROBLEM AROSE THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO REFER IT TO SOMEONE ELSE TO TRY TO HANDLE. IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME KIND OF COMMISSION WE HAVE WITH ENGLAND. IT DOES NOT GET INTO POLICY BUT SIMPLY AIDS IN CARRYING OUT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE MILITARY POLICY AND AID MATTERS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON.

PAPANDREOU DID NOT EXPRESS ANY CONCERN ABOUT THIS, NOR OF COURSE, SHOULD HE BECAUSE IT IS AN ENTIRELY BILATERAL MECHANISM DESIGNED FOR NON-POLICY PURPOSES. THE SAME THING WILL BE OFFERED TO GREECE BECAUSE IT IS A CONVENIENT WAY OF INSURING THAT ADMINISTRATIVE OR BUREAUCRATIC BLOCKAGES OF PREVIOUSLY SETTLED POLICIES DO NOT OCCUR. I WILL BE GLAD TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL WITH YOU HERE IF YOU WISH.

I ASSUME YOU HAVE SEEN COPIES OF ALL MY PRIOR REPORTING CABLES ON MOROCCO, TURKEY, ITALY, ETC.

WARM REGARDS,

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