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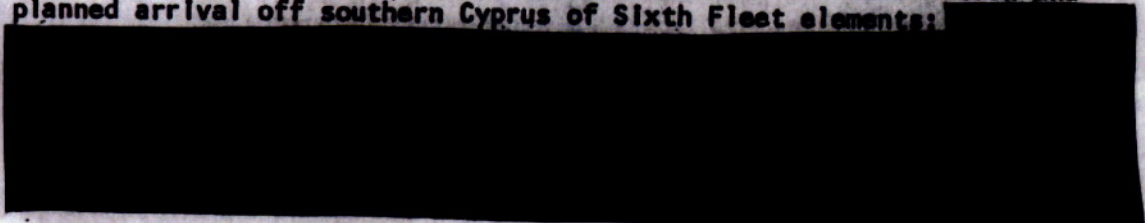
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: WASAG Meeting, Saturday, 20 July 1974

1. The meeting was held at 1100 hours, 20 July, and chaired by Under Secretary Ingersoll. Defense was represented by Mr. Jordan and LGEN Pauly.
2. Intelligence briefing was given by Mr. Colby. Briefly, it pointed to double enosis as the most likely outcome in Cyprus, indicating that the Greeks were caught unprepared and that Turkey will likely gain at least a 20 percent proportion of the island comparable to the proportion of Turkish Cypriots. General Pauly then reported on the location and planned arrival off southern Cyprus of Sixth Fleet elements:



3. The US is joining with the UK and France in a UN resolution urging cease fire and initiation of negotiations. Ambassador Scali will shortly make a statement critical of Turkey but also placing the initial blame on Greece. Under Secretary Sisco is in Ankara with instructions to be "brutal" as he was also instructed to be in Athens last night, warning each country that if they declare war, US aid will be cut off. Each is being urged to send a negotiating team to London. Sisco and party will head for London next.

4. Mr. Jordan reported that we had put a temporary hold on aid shipments to Turkey and Greece. (Subsequently, SecDef modified this position so as to continue shipments to Turkey; the curtailment had been initiated yesterday

Mr. Jordan then reported that Greece had commandeered an American commercial ship carrying ammunition for Greece and Turkey. The total shipment, amounting to seven barges of iron bombs and rockets, was offloaded yesterday in Greece. State will initiate a strong protest to the Greek Government. Other shipments ready for Turkey include M48 tanks, anti-tank recoilless rifles, mortars, APCs, and TOW anti-tank missiles. OSD was requested to provide information to the WASAG on all items for Greece and Turkey currently in the pipeline, together with their whereabouts and/or status.

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5. Mr. Jordan summarized the intransigent Greek behavior, by the initiation of this crisis, [redacted] and the ship incident, and suggested that US should widen its distance with this particular Greek Government. He also indicated that we can expect to have some trouble with the Congress [redacted]

6. There was general discussion as to getting across to the Soviets the US desire to prevent the spread of war in that region. Also discussed was the problem of US civilians in Greece and Turkey, although no conclusions resulted. In general, it was agreed that diplomatic plans should be developed and reviewed, together with appropriate contingency plans.

7. General Pauly, at the end of the meeting, stated that he expected CINC-EUR to come in soon [redacted]. The reaction of many members present was that such a proposal should be carefully thought through before being acted upon.

8. The WASAG will meet again on Sunday, 21 July, at 0900 hours.

  
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