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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: WSAG Meeting of 19 July 1974 on Cyprus

Attendees: DepSecState Ingersoll (Chairman)
DepSecDef Clements
Acting ASD/ISA Jordan
DepUnderSecState Dean Brown
Ambassador at Large McCloskey
CJCS Rep Gen Pauly
DCI Colby

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Time and Place: 2:30 PM, White House Situation Room

Mr. Colby began with the briefing.

As of the time of the WSAG meeting, however, the Task Force had slowed, was stationary, or had actually turned in a northwesterly direction perhaps towards other Turkish beaches which could be used for staging.

They forecast heavy casualties and are prepared to lose up to one Division.

Mr. Clements said that we have, in accordance with a conversation he and Mr. Ingersoll had, moved our Amphibious Task Force east to within 50 miles of Cyprus. We would be prepared to have people on the beach in

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Cyprus in 10 hours or less with the mission of evacuating United States nationals. He said that the CNO and ISA are doing contingency planning on such evacuations. He said that he personally favored using the British sovereign base areas as safe havens from which to evacuate American citizens.

~~(S)~~ Mr. Ingersoll referred to a conversation with Mr. Clements and said they had agreed that the two F4s assigned to Greece under the Purchase Arrangement would be held in Spain on the pretext of maintenance problems. Mr. Clements added that we will drag our feet on the final contract with Greece for A-7 procurement.

~~(S)~~ There was discussion of the desirability of US reconnaissance of international waters between Turkey and Cyprus. Permission now has been received from the Forty Committee for such surveillance but authorization to the fleet has been held up because it is dusk or dark in the Eastern Mediterranean.

It was not clear whether authorization would be sent to the Sixth Fleet for first light reconnaissance or not.

~~(S)~~ Mr. Ingersoll said that Secretary Kissinger would be meeting with Makarios in Washington on Monday. Makarios would also be meeting with the Foreign Relations and probably the Foreign Affairs Committees. He said this should make it clear that we are not committed to Sampson and not opposed to Makarios. Ambassador McCloskey said that we have assigned US security to Makarios because the Cypriots think there is a serious threat on his life. McCloskey thought that we are not interfering with Makarios at the United Nations and are having him in Washington on Monday and this should dampen the heating we are taking in the Press. There is no need further to seem to endorse Makarios by bringing him to Washington in an Air Force plane. Mr. Clements said that if we are concerned about his safety an Air Force airplane would be best way to move him and one could be made available of any size and with or without markings if the request is made. This issue was not resolved.

~~(S)~~ Ambassador McCloskey reviewed a message that Secretary Kissinger has sent to Mr. Sisco. The instructions are to tell the Turks we would view with utmost gravity any military action against Cyprus and that we do not support enosis open, hidden, or creeping. We are not prepared as yet to introduce a US proposal. We are looking for possible alternatives and proposals put forth by others at this point and hope for a compromise in the framework of the London-Zurich Treaty. With Clerides, Sisco will be authorized to mention the name as a possible compromise but not make it as a US proposal. Press stories that Sisco is arriving in Ankara with a US plan involving Clerides have upset Dr. Kissinger and he has said this is just the wrong type of diplomacy and that others must come up with a plan at this point.

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It was decided at the end of the meeting to set up a working group to flush up issues and discussions by the WSAG. ISA named General McAuliffe as its representative on this group. Mr. Ingersoll said there would be another WSAG meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and there would probably be one on Saturday evening when Mr. Kissinger returns from San Clemente.

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