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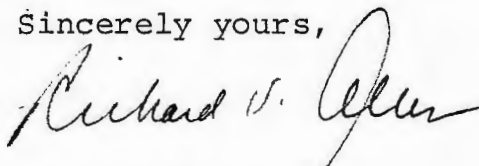
October 27, 1981

Dear Mr. Natsios:

Thank you for your letter of October 1 concerning the recent elections in Greece. Dennis Blair, my staff member for Western Europe, informed me of your proposal. As he told you on the telephone the week before the election, we carefully considered the suggestion put forward in your letter.

Now that the elections are over, it is important for prominent Greek-Americans to assist the government in emphasizing the fundamental ties that bind Greece and the United States. We need to work out with the new government in Athens the policies which can support our common interests.

Sincerely yours,



Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Honorable Andrew S. Natsios
Chairman
*Massachusetts Republican Party
Massachusetts State Committee Headquarters
73 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NSC #8105927

Suggest invitation to President of Greece -
Constantine Karanastis to visit

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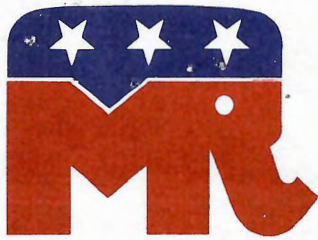
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Treasurer

Massachusetts State Committee Headquarters

73 Tremont Street • Boston, Massachusetts 02108 Tel. (617) 523-7535

October 1, 1981

Dr. Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. Allen:

I spoke recently to a member of your staff expert in European affairs regarding the elections in Greece.

A number of prominent Greek-American leaders are deeply concerned about the possibility of a Socialist victory in Greece which we believe would have a very damaging effect on the Western Alliance. While interference in the campaign by the United States would be unwise and intrusive, this group of Greek-American leaders believe that some recognition by the United State of the importance of Greece to the Western Alliance would improve the prospects for the incumbent government.

They have suggested to me a meeting with the President to urge him to undertake in the next couple of weeks the following course of action: extend an invitation to the President of Greece, Constantine Caramanlis, to visit the United States on a date after the election. We believe such an invitation would have a substantial, but subtle effect on Greek and American relations.

The group of Greek-American leaders include:

Peter Agris - Publisher of the Hellenic Chronicle newspaper (the largest Greek-American newspaper in New England).

George Chrisotopher - former Mayor of San Francisco and U. S. Delegate to a United Nations Commission.

Thomas Korologos - partner in Bill Timmons & Co.

Gus Koffinas - Supreme President AHEPA (the Greek-American fraternal order).

Andrew Athens - United American Hellenic Committee.

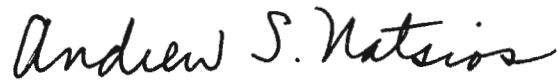
Dr. Richard V. Allen
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October 1, 1981

Since the elections are in mid-October, the invitation should be made as soon as possible or it will have no impact.

Should you wish to discuss this further you may contact me (617 523-7535) or Peter Agris (617 262-4500) who has been in contact with these other Greek-American leaders.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew S. Natsios".

REP. ANDREW S. NATSIOS
Chairman

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TO ALLEN

FROM NATSIOS, ANDREW S

DOCDATE 01 OCT 81

KEYWORDS: GREECE

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KARAMANLIS, CONSTANT

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS INVITATION BE EXTENDED TO KARAMANLIS TO VISIT US

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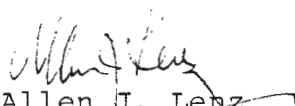
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December 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Agreement of Nicolas Karandreas of Greece
as Ambassador to the United States

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Mr. Nicolas Karandreas as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Greece to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Greece.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

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December 7, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR BUD NANCE

FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Agreement of Nicolas Karandreas of Greece
as Ambassador to the United States

Attached at Tab A is a memorandum to State for Allen Lenz's signature approving Mr. Karandreas's appointment. Your approval is required before Allen Lenz signs the memo. Dennis Blair and I concur with the State Department's assessment at Tab B that Mr. Karandreas would make an excellent Ambassador to the United States.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you concur with Mr. Karandreas's appointment as Ambassador to the United States.

Approve Disapprove _____

Tab A Memo to State
Tab B State Department's Memo and Incoming
Background Material

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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December 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES W. NANCE
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3725710Subject: Appointment of Nicolas Karandreas of Greece
as Ambassador to the United States. WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

The Government of Greece has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Ambassador Nicolas Karandreas as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Greece to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Ambassador Karandreas is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Ambassador Karandreas will make a good ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of Greece.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Note from the Embassy of Greece.

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BIOGRAPHY - Nicolas Karandreas

Greece

Ambassador Nicolas Karandreas, Greek Ambassador to Switzerland and a career diplomat, has served at diplomatic posts in the United States, Europe, and Africa.

Born in Athens, Greece, in 1921, he studied at the Law School and the School of Political and Economic Sciences at the University of Athens.

Following his entry on duty with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1950, Ambassador Karandreas served as Third Secretary at the Greek Embassy in Washington (1953-56) and as Deputy Consul General at the Greek Consulate in Alexandria, Egypt. After service in the Foreign Minister's office in Athens, he headed the Greek Military Mission in Berlin (1961-64).

In 1965, Ambassador Karandreas was named Consul General in Istanbul, Turkey, and served there until 1967 when he became Deputy Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Directorate for Eastern European Political Affairs. In 1971 he was named Ambassador to Sudan. Posted the following year as Ambassador to Finland, he also headed the Greek delegations to the Multilateral Preparatory Talks in Helsinki and to the first stage of the ensuing Geneva Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In 1974, Ambassador Karandreas became Chief of Protocol until his appointment that same year as Ambassador to the Netherlands, a position he held for three years. In 1977, he returned to Athens as Head of the Foreign Ministry's Organization Division and as Director of the Center for Diplomatic Studies. In 1981, he was named Ambassador to Switzerland.

The Ambassador is married.

A thorough search of United States Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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EMBASSY OF GREECE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Ambassador of Greece presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honor to inform him that the Greek Government has designated Ambassador Nicolas Karandreas as the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Greece to the United States of America.

The Ambassador of Greece would appreciate it if the agrément of the Government of the United States of America for this appointment were kindly accorded.

A curriculum vitae of Ambassador Karandreas is attached hereto.

The Ambassador of Greece avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.

The Honorable
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

November 13, 1981



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR NICOLAS KARANDREAS

Born in Athens in 1921. Married.

Studies: Law School and School of Political and Economic Sciences of the University of Athens.

Career:

1950 Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1953-1956 Third Secretary - Greek Embassy, Washington

1956-1959 Deputy Consul General, Alexandria, Egypt

1959-1961 Principal Private Secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

1961-1964 Acting Head of the Greek Military Mission, Berlin

1964 Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Desk for Eastern Europe)

1965 Counselor of Embassy

1965-1967 Consul General in Istanbul

1967-1971 Deputy Director of the First Political Department

1971 Minister Plenipotentiary. Ambassador in Sudan

1972-1974 Ambassador in Finland. Head of the Delegation of Greece in M P T Helsinki and in the first stage of the second phase of the C.S.C.E., Geneva

1974 Foreign Ministry - Chief of Protocol

1974-1977 Ambassador in the Netherlands

1977 Minister Plenipotentiary First Class

Head of the Division of Organization and Director of the Center of Diplomatic Studies of the Foreign Ministry

1981 Ambassador in Switzerland

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KARANDREAS, NICOLAS

SUBJECT: APPT OF KARANDREAS AS AMB TO US

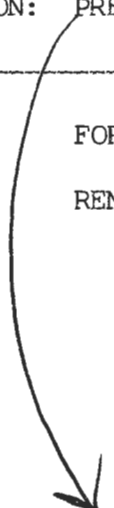
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Subject: Writer sends a copy of a letter from ~~Andrew~~ Andreas Papandreu, who has expressed a desire to meet the President.

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23 February 1982

Dear Governor Brown:

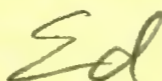
Thank you very much for your letter and for your suggestion about a meeting between President Reagan and Prime Minister Papandreou.

I have discussed this with the President, and he is very appreciative to you for providing this information. He is also grateful for your high regards and asked me to send his best wishes to you.

It was good to hear from you. I had the occasion to talk with Jerry at the Super Bowl, where we could both agree on the superiority of California football teams.

Best personal wishes to you, and please be sure to give my greetings to Joe Ball.

Sincerely,



EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Ball, Hunt, Hart, Brown and Baerwitz
450 North Roxbury Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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February 4, 1982

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Mr. Edward Meese, III
White House Counselor and Chief
Policy Spokesman
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ed:

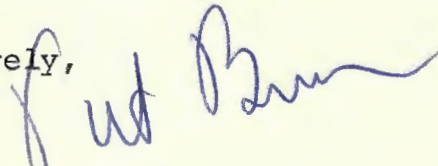
Right after your boss defeated me for Governor, I was retained by a group of University of California professors to represent Andreas Papandreou, the new Prime Minister of Greece. He was charged with treason. I went to Greece and, I think, played a part in his eventual release. I worked with Averell Harriman in the American Embassy.

Papandreou's statements have not been particularly friendly to our country, but in a letter I have just received from him, you will see that he would like to meet President Reagan.

President Reagan has never called upon me for advice, and I do not expect him to do so, but this is a letter that you should see. Please exercise your usual good judgment. I enclose a copy of the letter.

All of the best to you, and give my very high regards to the President.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. "Pat" Brown

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Enclosure.

THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE

Athens, January 19th, 1982

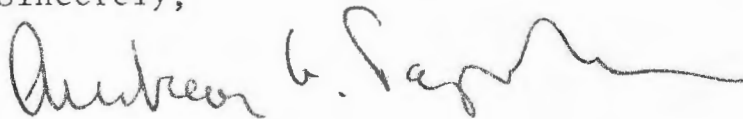
Mr. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown
Governor of California 1959-1966
Ball, Hunt, Hart, Brown and Baerwitz
450 North Roxbury Drive
Beverly Hills
California 90210
USA

Dear Pat,

I was delighted to receive your letter. It brought back many fond memories of my life in California. Let me assure you that I shall do my best to maintain and enhance the warm relationship between our two peoples. I am convinced that you can play an important role in an effort to confront in a friendly spirit and consequently to solve whatever differences of view may now exist between the two governments. Your thought that a meeting with President Reagan might be helpful is I believe very sound. Quite apart from this it would be a pleasure for me to see you in Athens. Can we arrange such a visit?

Please give my warm regards to Jim and Ruthy Schwartz.

Sincerely,



Andreas G. Papandreou

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.



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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/14/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____ FYI

SUBJECT: George Christopher re Greece

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Remarks:

At Helene Von Damm's request, the attached has been forwarded to the President.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
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Response:

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GEORGE CHRISTOPHER
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P.Y.

June 22, 1982

Dear Mr. President -

The enclosed is for your information and is self-explanatory.

We are trying to carry on your Crusade throughout the country, and pray that you will not be deterred by the smaller dissidents who are the authors of our country's problems in the first place.

Mrs. Christopher joins in kindest regards to you and Mrs. Reagan.

Sincerely
G. Christopher

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GEORGE CHRISTOPHER
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June 21, 1982

Mr. Ron Mann
Personnel Dept.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Mann:

It was a pleasure to speak with you over the phone regarding the possibility of my serving as a member of the negotiating team concerning U.S. bases in Greece. I want to thank you for your broad understanding of my position, and I also wish to thank Mrs. vonDamm, who, as you know, had called me earlier regarding the same subject. She too, has always been most gracious and I deeply appreciate the courtesies extended to me.

As I explained I must respectfully beg leave to abstain from this proffered honor, not because I do not wish to serve, but rather because the unpredictable schedules and the need for frequent shuttles over the Atlantic places on me certain Constraints that might impair my fullest efficiency in this responsibility.

If this were an assignment that would permit me to stay established in one location for a reasonable length of time, with perhaps a reporting trip every 3 or 4 weeks it could be handled. You may recall that at the outset of the Administration, my name had been entered for consideration as Ambassador to Greece. In view of my knowledge of the language and customs, and long standing acquaintance with the highest Greek officials I thought that I could be of some service to the United States. Should this opportunity arise again in the future, I would be pleased to discuss it with you.

During the course of the impending negotiations, should Judge Clark, the President or your office feel that I can be of some service to the United States, I would be very happy to go to Greece for a period of a month or more if necessary to assist your negotiators in their task. I know that I would have the attention of President Caramanlis, a staunch friend over the years, and a loyal friend of America as well.

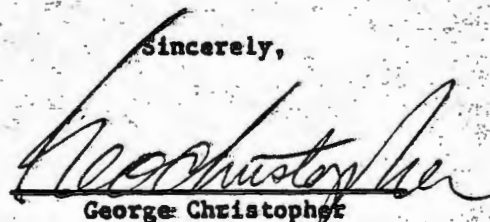
In the past I have discussed these matters with Prime Minister Papandreou, and several former Prime Ministers of Greece, and my objective has been to sustain the traditional friendship of Greece and the United States as it has been nurtured over the past 160 years. There are some 3 million Greek Americans in the United States who are deeply anxious that this amicable relationship be enhanced.

Appended hereto are some thoughts that might be of interest to you, Judge Clark and members of the negotiating team.

Please be assured of my abiding respect and highest esteem for the President who is meeting his awesome responsibilities with great courage and devotion.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,



George Christopher

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Memorandum

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Negotiations with Greece can be more productive if the United States can give Prime Minister Papandreu even the slightest avenue of escape from his campaign rhetoric. The Cyprus issue is one area that is very sensitive and there are methods of rectifying this controversy during the U.S. base negotiations without offense to any side.

When I last spoke with President Reagan he informed me that he was appointing a "task force" to work exclusively on the Cyprus matter. Shortly thereafter, I visited Cyprus and Greece, by official invitation of their governments. While in those countries, I related President Reagan's action, and there was great jubilation, attracting many newspaper headlines. This task force was headed by a Mr. Reginald Bartholomew. However, since then nothing has transpired and Mr. Papandreu was able to capitalize on this sensitive matter during the Greek elections. In fact the general feeling currently is that the Greek, Turkish, Cypriot situation has worsened in the last 18 months.

Since the invasion of Cyprus 8 years ago, it is claimed that 2,000 persons are missing. In my several visits to Cyprus, this matter has become an increasingly sensitive complaint. Refugees continually asked me why we do not instigate a search committee etc. They say "All we want to know is whether they are dead or alive, and we will reconcile ourselves to whatever the situation is."

During my service in the United Nations, the Cyprus government sent a special representative to the United Nations to introduce a resolution calling upon the Secretary General of the U.N. "to use his good offices in expediting the search for the missing persons." This appeared to me to be a passive, inoffensive resolution with no harm done to anyone. However, the U.S. Delegation informed me that there were several objectionable words in the resolution and as a consequence, the U.S. would abstain in the vote. I tried to point out the damage this would do, especially in view of President Reagan's direct promises during the campaign. I was then informed that if I could have the Cypriots agree to remove certain objectionable words from the resolution, the U.S. could vote for it. I labored many hours with the Cypriots, and finally deleted certain language. At the last minute, Mr. Bartholomew nevertheless sent a wire asking the U.S. to still abstain. The Cypriot delegate returned to Cyprus and the news accounts were unfavorable in Cyprus and Greece. A simple matter such as this has caused impairment of our relations in the Mediterranean and has encouraged a former minority of Anti-Americans to gather unwarranted strength.

The Greeks and Turks are not too far apart in the matter of the territory that each should occupy in Cyprus. A more direct encouragement by the United States, or at least, a direct word of principle in this regard would be invaluable. This plus the missing persons matter would well pave the way in our Greek base negotiations.

The above two points-missing persons and territorial claims cannot be solved at once. But a carefully planned statement of objectives would greatly alleviate the pressure in Greece and would ease the road to accomplish our purpose.

As soon as possible, I would suggest that President Reagan invite the President of Greece, Mr. Constantine Caramanlis, to visit him in Washington. President Caramanlis has told me several occasions that he would be pleased to accept the invitation. If this could be done prior to the start of the base negotiations, it would have a telling effect in the discussions. President Caramanlis has always been a staunch friend of America. He can be very important in the forthcoming base negotiations. And the publicity in Greece would be of great value at this time.

I consider this of such importance that I would go to Greece purposely to escort him to the United States. Mr. Caramanlis has been our house guest in San Francisco, and I know that a gesture of friendliness and hospitality will go a long way in these matters.

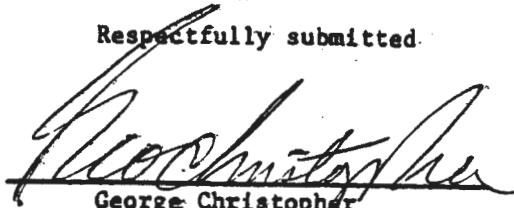
We cannot evade the fact that politics is involved in these matters. During the Presidential campaign, I traveled the U.S. extensively and organized many groups especially the Greek Americans-3 million of them in the United States. Despite the fact that Greek Americans are normally Democrats we know that 85% of the Democrats voted for President Reagan, based on his statement regarding Cyprus. It is not yet too late to hold this support, but I must confess that it is eroding. Wherever I go I am asked when the campaign pledge will be fulfilled. A manifestation of goodwill from the President-an encouraging word-a semantical expression of hope, will I am sure, be of tremendous value to all.

We must remember that we are involved with different customs, diverse emotions and sensitive principles of nationalism. We can say the same thing to two different groups, but the manner of expression can be decisive.

If at any time the Administration desires to discuss this further,
I will be pleased to come to Washington for that purpose.

I recall that in the past, I have discussed various matters with
De Gaulle, Kruschev, Adenauer, etc., but each had to have conveyed to
him our American principles in a different semantical way.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Christopher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George Christopher
June 22, 1982

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Name of Correspondent: Louis Tribunella

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Subject: Investigation by the Greek government into the illegal sale of the vessel, Poseidon.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8221623

Date October 29, 1982

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Meropi Tribunella
Date: July 5, 1982 Subject: Investigation by the
Greek Government into the Illegal Sale of the Vessel, Poseidon
WH Referral Dated: _____ NSC ID # 088447
(if any)

_____ The attached item was sent directly to the Department
of State.

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- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
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- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

Remarks:

L. Paul Bremer, FII
Executive Secretary

File -
Miscellaneous
Correspondence

Meropi Tribunella
15 Bay 29th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214

August 3, 1982

Dear Mrs. Tribunella:

This office has been asked to reply to your letter dated July 5, addressed to the President. The Department has no record of having received your original letter of March 29 also addressed to the President, a copy of which you enclosed.

As you know, in the past the American Embassy in Athens has extended informal assistance to your family in this case. The Department is now reviewing the available file to determine whether further assistance might be rendered at this time. I regret the delay in replying to your earlier letter and the fact that we cannot give you an adequate response until the review of your case is completed.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Raven-Hamilton
Country Officer for Greece

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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JULY 21, 1982

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 5, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. MEROPI TRIKUNELLA
166 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK NY 10007

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT INTO
THE ILLEGAL SALE OF THE VESSEL, POSEIDON

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL — IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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July 5th, 1982

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President Reagan
c/o The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

On April 7th, 1982, over three months ago, the White House received from me the enclosed letter and documents which I sent to you. They were sent by me to you because you are the ONE and ONLY persons capable of correcting a grave injustice. They were sent to you because I believe in you and the things that you say and promise.

I WAS SURE that you would take a personal interest in this matter, not only because my family and I are staunch Republicans, but because I truly believed that you would be interested in righting a grievous wrong. However my appeal has been met by total silence and I can not understand it. I am hoping that my previous letter got lost, because I CAN NOT believe that you do not care about the plight of Americans overseas. We have been ridiculed and dishonored by a foreign government which will clearly go to any lengths to protect its own people, even to the point of threatening the American Government, as you will see if you take the time to read my previous letter.

I know that you are a very busy man but I can not believe that you won't take 10 minutes to read a simple letter and right a grievous wrong. We have toiled and committed 10 years of our lives to this matter, and lost our father in the process. Is this the way we as Americans are to be treated by our very own Government? Is there no justice?

I truly hope that you have shown no interest simply because my papers were lost, or that there was an oversight by a staff member. There is no hope for us, especially now that the Director of the National Bank of Greece has just been appointed Minister of Justice. The only hope that we have is the personal intervention of you, our President. Please do not fail us.

Thanking you in advance for your interest and your help.

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Louis Tribunella
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*15 Bay 29th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11214
Phone: 266-0461*

March 29th, 1982

President Reagan
c/o The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

Enclosed you will see a Presidential directive issued by ex-President Carter in December of 1980. This directive was the result of my cry for help, as an American, to ex-President Carter, in the desperate hope that he, or someone powerful enough in our Government, would take a personal interest in a quest for justice that has spanned over 7 years and 3 countries. It pertains to a matter that caused my father's death prematurely at age 61, and which has left my family emotionally and financially drained.

We are WITHOUT HOPE unless you choose to take a personal interest in righting a grievous wrong at the hands of a foreign country, where there is no justice and certainly no fear of retribution. They have ignored some of the most powerful attorneys in the country. They have ignored gestures by our American Embassy. It is the old story of David and Goliath. In our case, ONLY YOU can provide the necessary sling so that justice may finally prevail.

I don't know, had ex-President Carter remained in office, if he would have pursued this matter any further, but at least his directive gave us the ability to prolong the inevitable until now. Admittedly, we have gotten alot further than most Americans do in the Greek system of justice, but we have now reached the end of the line. What is surprising about this matter is that it deals with a FLAGRANT violation of Greek laws, but unfortunately, we are dealing with defendants who are protected by their government, because they are part of what they call the "inner circle" and part of a mighty institution. The defendants, as you will see below have a "license" to play with people's lives and fortunes, at whim. In this instance, they played for self-enrichment.

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Our remarkable trials and tribulations, all documented, are best summed up by a remark made by one of the defendants upon hearing of my father's untimely death (an employee of the National Bank of Greece) stating: "They are only women, what can they do now?". But my sister, mother, and I vowed, over my father's grave that we would not rest until this matter had been properly brought to justice, in the true sense of the word.

We can at least take pride in the fact that, despite the odds and the sacrifices, we have not strayed from our course. Despite the threats and shameful manipulations by the defendants and the "powers that be", we have at least managed to keep this case alive for as long as we have. This is only because there have been people along the way who have really tried to help us, although their capacity has been limited. Anyone who knows and understands the facts and the undisputable documents, clearly sees what a mockery of justice there has been. In our case, justice has definitely not been blind.

Mr. President, I know that you are a very busy man, and that you are shouldering the problems of the world at these, the most difficult of times, but WE NEED YOU to right this wrong. Otherwise everything, including my father's death, will have been in vain.

My father served in this country's Merchant Marine during World War II, when it was right to be a patriot. He was personally decorated more than once by President Truman. He fought for this country, when he didn't have to, because he believed in what it stood for. The rest of us are all Republicans. My husband and I campaigned vigorously, on our own, for you in lower Manhattan, because, in our hearts, we believed that only you could give back to America the glory that was once here.

I am telling you these things, not because we desire any special favor, but only because we felt to be right, but because I would like you to know how we feel about our country. In fact, I am appealing to you because I feel that ALL Americans are important, even if we are not General Motors or ITT. I am appealing to you because you are the President of ALL Americans, big and little, rich or poor. Therefore Mr. President, I am asking that you shoulder one more additional burden on our behalf - a burden that has laid so heavily upon our shoulders all these years - one that we have borne alone. All it would take from you is one direct order to the proper person and this whole sordid affair would be finished justly within 24 hours. We have no where else to turn.

President Reagan, please make no mistake. I am not crazy enough to think that my country will go to war for us and our cause. The time of Teddy Roosevelt is long since gone. Nor am I asking for anyone to commit a crime to champion our cause. The State Department knows of our plight and has all the relevant documents. So does the American Embassy in Greece. We have been given a great deal of advice and some token gestures have been made on our behalf, as you shall see below. For those that are truly in a position to help us, the bottom line seems to be that we are not "important" enough. On the other hand, those that really wish to help us lack the authority.

Thus Mr. President, I ask that you take the time to read this letter, at least. If you do not have the time to peruse the remaining enclosed documents, at least assure that the following is true. I have made this as brief as I possibly can so that I can make you understand what has happened and what we have been fighting. Brevity is not easy because it is a long and complicated story spanning many years. I am at your disposal, should you have any questions, or require any further documentation. I will go anywhere you send me with the proof that you desire. I know that I will be discussing things that everyone knows but shouldn't be said. If at times I am, or have been blunt, please forgive me, for I am not a politician. I know of no other way to tell the truth.

Our case in Greece is SO strong and SO scandalous, that the entire matter was brought before the floor of the Greek Parliament TWICE, each time by different Members of Parliament. These Parliamentary Members belonged to the Socialist Party, which is in power at the moment. These Parliamentary Interpellations, as they are called, on both occasions, called upon the related Ministry Heads (the Ministers of Co-Ordination, Foreign Affairs, and Maritime) to answer to Parliament how a scandal of this magnitude had occurred. Needless to say, both interpellations were rebutted. No one had to answer for anything. (See enclosed documents and newspaper clippings).

The above Interpellations were the result of a quiet and very thorough investigation, which came as a surprise to everyone. In 1977 the Greek Government's very own special Police Unit, acting as watchdog for the Greek Government, had in its line of duty, conducted an investigation into what later came to be known as "The POSEIDON AFFAIR". This special unit called the Currency Control Police collected a massive and impressive array of documents and sworn testimony. The grande finale of their investigation was when they confiscated the file of the National Bank of Greece pertaining to our vessel "POSEIDON".

The result of this investigation was a massive document (See enclosed Currency Control document) wherein THIRTEEN defendants (SIX of whom were employees of the National Bank of Greece; the others their cohorts!) were charged with Fidelity to the Bank, bribery, illegal Seizure-Auction of the vessel "POSSIDON", currency violations, etc. The caliber of the defendants and the magnitude of the charges was unprecedented in the annals of Greek history! Everything was then forwarded to the State's Prosecutor who then conducted his own investigation. The result was the same. To quote one Greek newspaper, the Prosecutor's charges exploded like a bomb. He even forced the defendants from leaving the country.

Thus, for the first time the "mighty" National Bank of Greece was caught by surprise. The reason that the scandal had surfaced was because everyone had gotten caught by surprise. In addition, the day that the defendants were formally charged, the Currency Police called a Press conference, in the hopes that the incident could not be squashed, if it received world wide attention.

This scandal made the front page of every Greek newspaper in Greece (I have them all), as well as Greek television and radio. However, because of the 7 hour time difference between the U.S. and Greece, the papers that we had enough time to block the news from leaving the country. Thus the scandal never made the Greek newspapers in this country, which are given on a daily basis, the front page news of the day published in the Greek newspapers over there. I will assure that the reason for this blockade was that if the news ever leaked out, all foreigners would think twice about investing their money in Greece, as my father had done. His mistake was that he had hoped to create a small shipping empire for his family, which he felt would be possible because the Greek Government at the time had offered such lucrative enticements to foreigners who would bring their money into Greece. The only thing that the Greek Government will tell everyone was that such ventures were so that you can get back if anything went wrong you had no recourse in their justice system! We were not the only ones hurt because they protect their own. The only difference is that we have been able to keep this matter alive for so long.

To show you how well the Greek Government protects its own, I have only to tell you of one incident. When the charges were brought against the defendants by the Currency Police and the 1st Prosecutor, we and others from the U.S. sent telegrams to the various Ministers in power at that time (including Prime Minister Karamanlis), asking that these people take an interest in the matter so that justice would prevail, despite the high position of some of the defendants. The result of these appeals can be seen in the DEFENSES submitted to the

Prosecutor. It is clear that they had no defense to the facts. Instead they QUOTED some of these telegrams VER BATIM because their defense was that we (even though we had nothing to do with this particular investigation except to be included as being damaged by the acts of the defendants) were trying to blackmail the defendants!!! In other words, the defendants NOT ONLY had ACCESS to government documents but WERE ALLOWED by these officials to use them in a feeble attempt to muddy the water because they COULD NOT COUNTER the facts.

In the end, of course, higher up in the ladder of "Greek Justice", (in the very next step to be exact), the charges were IRREVOCABLY dismissed, DESPITE THE DAMAGING TESTIMONY FROM THE DEFENDANTS THEMSELVES! The decision, a true mockery of justice, was NOT BASED ON THE FACTS OR THE MERITS of the case (otherwise there could NEVER have been a dismissal). Instead, the 2nd Prosecutor, who signed the irrevocable order of dismissal, chose an arbitrary date (one that had nothing to do with anything) and decided that the statute of limitations had run out.

The truly sad result of this investigation was that the members of the Currency Police were "promoted" and this special unit disbanded; the 1st Prosecutor was "promoted" into exile outside of Athens; while the 2nd Prosecutor, who signed the order irrevocably dismissing the charges, was really promoted soon thereafter.

As previously mentioned, the scandal of the "POSEIDON AFFAIR" made the front page of every Greek newspaper because of the impromptu Press Conference. However, no newspaper dared follow it up. After the initial thrust, the newspapers remained silent about the scandal which they themselves claimed to have "rocked the very foundation of the National Bank of Greece".

Only one weekly extremist newspaper dared to follow up the case. As a matter of fact in one article titled "Why Others Don't Write" (the captioned newspaper's title and translation), the conclusion was reached that the other newspapers were dependant on the bank for loans, etc.! This newspaper continued to publish everything, word for word, despite the threatening telephone calls that the editor was receiving. However, it too eventually was forced to stop publishing. This cessation occurred right after a truck scored a near miss as the editor was coming out of the door of his office building!

Our first attorney (we are now up to 55) is considered to be one of the best, and most highly respected attorney, in Athens. Aside from his expertise, we chose him because he had a reputation for honesty. At this stage in his life, he does not take a case unless he feels pretty confident that he can win. He

agreed to take our case. It was at this point (1979) that we proceeded against the defendants. We ourselves could not do so before, because despite all our efforts, we could not gain access to the necessary documents until the Currency Police had brought them out into the open. Thus we were able to finally make our move, bolstered by the documents and findings of the Currency Police. We were entitled to do so because the findings of the Currency Police and the 1st Prosecutor stated that our corporation, as well as the Greek State, had suffered damages.

When our first attorney took the case, he told us that legally it was an open and shut case. The only reservation that he had was that it would be an uphill battle all the way because of the high position of some of the defendants. He charged the defendants (9 of them) with Fraud. He felt that there could be no question of double jeopardy because Greek Law clearly recognizes the fact that the charge of Fraud is TOTALLY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT from the previous charge of Perfidity (Unfaithfulness in the performance of one's duties) to the National Bank of Greece. As a matter of fact these two charges are so separate and distinct, in and of themselves, that it does not matter if both charges had been based on the same series of events or facts. (See Memorandum dated October 9, 1980). He had informed us that even though we were battling the "Giant", legally we had them dead to rights.

Our attorney was evidently right because the Prosecutor (District Attorney) charged the defendants with Fraud to the worse possible degree, which meant an automatic jail sentence of at least 10 years for the defendants. He even issued a WRIT OF ARREST for one of the defendants who had immediately fled the country.

To discuss but a moment, it was about this point in time that our first attorney also took on another case. Two men were fired from the National Bank of Greece and "taken over" the Shipyard of Piraeus from the Coulasakis shipping family, and were based in London. Mr. Mallinasiotis (the highest ranking defendant in our own case) took over the "management" of this Shipyard. The Shipyard immediately started repairing Russian ships - quietly. Eventually this fact was discovered by a reporter. Our attorney came to his rescue before they could throw away the key! In his closing statement, our attorney accused the employees of the National Bank of Greece of being "a government within a government!" It is quite evident from our own experience that this is true.

Getting back to our case, and to make a very long story short, the defendants were found not guilty higher up in the ladder of Greek justice on the BASIS OF DOUBLE JEOPARDY. This decision was based on the old IRREVOCABLE ORDER OF DISMISSAL. The only hole in their decision was that the defendants had never

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In responding to your letter of February 4, let me assure you at the outset that I take the views you expressed with such forthrightness and clarity seriously, addressing as they do matters of special concern to your government.

The United States provides security assistance to its friends and allies to assist them to live in security and peace. In the Eastern Mediterranean as elsewhere, we seek to establish and maintain a structure of peace that strengthens the ability of states in the region to deter aggression from without while promoting improved relations within the region. In considering levels of security assistance for Greece, my Administration will continue to be guided by this objective, which is consistent with the principles embodied in United States law to which you referred.

May I assure you, as well, that I regard a new agreement to define our security relationship to be in the interests of both our countries, and this is the aim of the negotiations in which we are currently engaged. In this context, the Administration will seek increased levels of security assistance for Greece above the levels of the current program.

The United States will earnestly pursue a satisfactory resolution to the outstanding issues in the negotiations. With good will and determination on both sides, I am confident we will complete them successfully.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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