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- H - INTERNAL
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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 830417

Name of Correspondent: Meropi and Louis Tribunella

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Subject: Asks for help with their case against the Greek government concerning the illegal sale of the ship "Poseidon"

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- A - Appropriate Action
 - C - Comment/Recommendation
 - D - Draft Response
 - F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
 - I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
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 - X - Interim Reply
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- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

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- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 7, 1983

Dear Ms. Tribunella:

This is in reply to your letter of April 11, 1983, again drawing attention to your difficulties in connection with the vessel POSEIDON and retransmitting your letter of March 29, 1982.

I want to assure you that situations such as yours are treated with seriousness in the White House. Your own case, involving a private matter, is quite complex and international law imposes constraints before a state can formally intervene in behalf of its citizens in judicial proceedings still pending in another country. It was for this reason that, in 1982, in response to your previous letter, your case was referred to the Department of State for full consideration and appropriate action. As a consequence of that referral, legal experts of the State Department met with you on October 1, 1982, to examine in detail the facts of your case and to advise and assist you in the development of your claim for any potential espousal by the U.S. Government at the appropriate time. I understand that you have been in continuous contact with the Department of State to the present time.

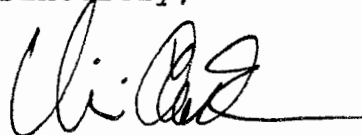
Under international law the United States Government can only espouse your claim and interpose it through diplomatic channels against the Government of Greece after you have exhausted all available administrative and judicial remedies in Greece and can show that thereby you have sustained a "denial of justice" as that term is understood in international law.

I understand that you are taking proper steps in exhausting your local remedies in Greece and in the protection of your legal rights. Also, you are keeping the Department of State advised of these proceedings. I also note that in the past, as recently as February 22, 1982, our Embassy in Athens tried to render you informal assistance by communicating with the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It appears, therefore, that you are already on the proper course in protecting

your legal rights against Greece. The White House has requested the Department of State to continue to follow your case with the purpose of according you every appropriate assistance.

Please be assured of our continued interest in the disposition of your case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.P. Clark', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William P. Clark

Ms. Meropi Tribunella
15 Bay 29th Street
Brooklyn, New York

National Security Council
The White House

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Package # 3203

Rec'd 5/25
9:50 pm

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Jacque Hill	<u>3</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Judge Clark	<u>4</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>A</u>
John Poindexter			
Staff Secretary	<u>5</u>		<u>D</u>
Sit Room			
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COMMENTS

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Dick Morris -

I believe

This is one the Judge
could sign, but I
defer to your judgement -

Jennis Blair

I have read the file, and agree the Judge could probably sign, although I do not know the ultimate answer -- what diplomatic approach could or should be made to the Greeks should judicial action in Greece eventually and finally fail.
DMorris

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

May 23, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Ms. Meropi Tribunella requests help with Greek Government concerning ship "POSEIDON"

Ms. Tribunella has previously written to the White House concerning her case against the Greek Government and the sale of the ship "Poseidon." Her two previous letters to the White House have been referred to the State Department which is in constant contact with her. At Tab I is a letter for your signature.

RECOMMENDATION:

<u>OK</u>	<u>NO</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

That you sign the letter at Tab I

Attachment:

Tab I	Letter to Mrs. Meropi Tribunella
Tab II	Correspondence from Ms. Tribunella

3205

S/S # 8312214

Date May 10, 1983

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: Anne Higgins FROM: Ms. Meropi Tribunella

DATE: April 11, 1983 SUBJECT: Asks for help with their case against Greek Government concerning the illegal sale of the ship POSEIDON.


WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: April 21, 1983 NSC # 0137517
(if any)
ID #137517

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- Other.

REMARKS: White House referral requested "direct reply, furnish info copy." Per April 26 conversation between Ms. Saadia Sarkis, S/S-S, and Mr. Michael Batton, White House Secretariat, the request was changed to require preparation of a draft reply for signature by appropriate member of White House Staff. (Ms. Tribunella's two previous letters to the White House have been referred to the State Dept., which is accordingly in constant contact with her.)


for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

SUGGESTED REPLY

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Sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

APRIL 21, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 137517

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 11, 1983

TO: ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: MS. MEROPI TRIBUNELLA
15 BAY 29TH STREET
BROOKLYN NY 11214

SUBJECT: ASKS FOR HELP WITH THEIR CASE AGAINST THE
GREEK GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE ILLEGAL
SALE OF THE SHIP "POSEIDON"

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Rec'd 1/21 APR 26 1983

*Received in 5/5-1
4/21 at 11:00AM (C-2)*

Sally?

8312214



Louis Tribunella

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Brooklyn, New York, 11214
Phone: 266 - 0461*

April 11, 1983

Mrs. Anne Higgins
Director of Correspondence
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

137517

REC'D 1/10 APR 26 1983

Dear Mrs. Higgins,

Whenever I read articles such as the enclosed, my heart fills with bitterness and sadness. It is not because I am unhappy for those who are randomly honored by President Reagan, but because I have sent him 3 letters hoping desperately that he would at least read one of them. I don't believe that he has seen any of them. I wrote to him in desperation, appealing for his help, as he is the only one capable of righting a gross injustice that has destroyed my family and taken my father's life. I wrote to him because I believe in him and the things that he stands for.

I know that all correspondence to the President is screened. What I find difficult to believe is that those who decide what the President should, or should not, read have callously chosen to disregard my letters and all the evidence supporting the truth of what I am saying. Can it be that the people who surround our President lack compassion or are frivolous to the point where a letter faulting the President's reading of a poem is more important than a person's life or quest for justice ???

I know that you can not force the President to act on our behalf but I believe in my heart, because of all the things that our President stands for, that upon reading my letter he will not remain untouched, at the very least, by our plight. All I am asking of you Mrs. Higgins, is that he be allowed to read my letter, which I am sending one more time, and that he thus be allowed to decide for himself what course of action, if any, should be taken.

I am only asking that you give him my letter. Then, no matter what he chooses to do, I will at least be satisfied that after 10 years of fighting a formidable battle, I will have done everything in my power for myself and my family. I have no where else to turn but to my President because this is certainly not an ordinary situation.

I am praying that you will find compassion in your heart and not deny this request. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Meropi Tribunella
Meropi Tribunella

President phones ordinary folks to find out their grass-roots gripes

WHEN President Reagan tries to find out what grass-roots America is thinking — by telephoning several ordinary folks every week — the calls often take an unexpected turn.

Some people have to be persuaded that they really are talking to the President because it's little known that he likes choosing ordinary citizens at random, and calling them for an informal chat.

"President of what?" demanded a Michigan woman when a White House operator announced that the chief executive was on the line.

A Missouri man hung up six times before he realized the call was not a hoax. And it was hard for a Nevada citizen to believe that a leader of the free world had called him just to read him a poem.

The President relies heavily on these telephone conversations to stay in touch with what ordinary people think, since he meets personally only with carefully screened groups after the assassination attempt two years ago.

His chats are conducted on his private line, with staff seldom pres-

ent. The astonished recipients say his casual friendliness soon puts them at ease.

"It is like talking to your favorite uncle," said Arlis Sheffield of Wakefield, R.I. "He was very humble. You would never know he was the President of the United States."

All his correspondence is read by aide Anne Higgins, who shows her boss letters which merit the personal touch.

Some come from children like eight-year-old Peter Sweeney of Rockville Centre, N.Y. When Reagan phoned to thank him, the youngster offered to hum an appropriate song, Hail to the Chief.

On March 9, he spoke to a couple who have devoted their lives to caring for 11 handicapped children as well as their own three normal kids.

The mother, Rachel Rossow, said the President "was like a precious grandfather who spoke for half an hour while most of the children came on the line one after another."



President Reagan stays in touch with ordinary citizens by telephoning several every week. Since the assassination attempt, he meets personally only with carefully selected groups.

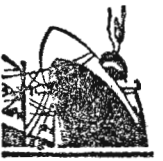
Sometimes criticism provokes a call. He telephoned a Nevada man who had written to him faulting his reading of the poem Dangerous Dan McGrew on nationwide TV. Said Reagan: "First I told him who I was. Well, that took a little convincing. Then I started reciting for him. He was happy."

He also likes to thank people who have given him gifts.

Duane Miller of Kalamazoo, Mich., sent a model train made by his company. Miller said he could

hear the train whistle in the background as they were talking. He said Reagan told him: "It is people like you and your brother who make this the great country we know it to be."

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Louis Tribunella

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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.

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 in 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 hers.

I am telling you these things, not because we deserve any special favors for doing what we felt to be right, but because I would like you to know how we feel about our country. Instead, 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 assume 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 Interpollations, 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 Interpollations were squashed. No one had to answer for anything. (See enclosed documents and newspaper clippings).

The above Interpollations 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 Perfidity to the Bank, bribery, illegal Seizure-Auction of the vessel "POSEIDON", 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 FORBID 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 "powers that be" 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 assume that the reason for this blockage 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 many lucrative enticements to foreigners who would bring foreign exchange into Greece. The only thing that the Greek Government failed to tell everyone was that such ventures were at your own risk because 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" (See enclosed newspaper clipping 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 #3) 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 digress but a moment, it was about this point in time, that our then attorney also took on another case. The same people from the National Bank of Greece had "taken over" the Shipyard of Syros from the Goulandris shipping family, who were based in London. Mr. Kallimasiotis (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

been charged with Fraud. As stated above Greek case law clearly states that both charges are unrelated between them, as long as the face of the Plaintiff changes. Anyway, at this point, our attorney, who had also been receiving threatening telephone calls, said to us "My hands are tied. I can do no more for you. You are doomed unless there is strong outside intervention on your behalf!" This is why, at one point, I found it very naive when one person in the State Department tried to help us by sending me a list of Greek attorneys to choose from! We already had the best.

We fought the decision and went to the next step with our second attorney, who bombarded the court with case law that proved that the decision had been erroneous, not to mention the fact that he had to reiterate the facts and sequence thereof because the facts seemed to have changed to suit the decision! He quit after the next decision, which I am sure you will find quite amusing.

This decision, based on erroneous facts, found the defendants not guilty. To put it briefly, the defendants were acting legally because they were not aware of the changes that had taken place which altered the identity of the vessel "POSEIDON". The decision neglected to take into account THE DEFENDANTS' OWN TESTIMONY, whereby everyone agreed that they knew that the vessel was DIESEL and NOT STEAM (which is only an error of approx. \$800,000!). The decision also neglected to take into account the fact that the Bank had ITS OWN OBSERVER monitoring the progress of the work, as well as a file full of reports FROM THEIR OWN NAVAL ARCHITECTS attesting to the changes and the vessel's value. These minute details did not stop the Bank employees from selling the "POSEIDON" to their friends for scrap, who in turn sold it approx. 6 months later for over \$800,000, as DIESEL, without putting another stitch of work into it. (Just the new DIESEL ENGINE had cost and was worth over \$300,000, not counting the fact that the BANK OF GREECE HAD CERTIFIED that the alterations we did to the vessel were over \$1,000,000). The whole situation is very clear by the findings of the Currency Police that in 6 months the defendants made over \$600,000 from this "worthless piece of scrap!" Not to mention the fact that the National Bank of Greece gave their partners in crime permission to place a second mortgage on the vessel in the amount of \$660,000! Mr. President, who is kidding who?

There is much more, but the BEST PART is yet to come. Even though the decision found the defendants not guilty, the Plaintiff (my mother) was not charged court costs, which the loser has to pay, because and I quote, "PLAINTIFF IS NOT ENTIRELY WRONG!"

Before our second attorney quit, he informed us that there is no hope of justice for us no matter how high up we go, because these people fear no one, and have no one to answer to. As he put it, unless an outside force intervenes, we have no hope. To quote him: "Only in America can they topple a President!"

We are now working on our third attorney. Both the State Department and the American Embassy in Greece have all the relevant document which clearly show that I am telling the truth. We are now expecting a decision from the Court of Appeals. There is no doubt as to what this decision will be because word has already leaked out to us, even though it may take them a few weeks or months to publish it. This way it looks like they really studied the documents. Our next step will be the Supreme Court of Greece. We already know what the outcome will be there, but someone in the State Department informed us that we must first exhaust all our legal avenues in Greece before we can appeal to the Office of the Legal Advisor for help, should the head of the State Department find that the facts warrant such help. If our case does not warrant help, then no one's case does.

However Mr. President, I feel that our Government should HAVE ALREADY intervened on our behalf because IT TOO has been insulted. Yet, no one seems to care. If they do, they certainly seem unwilling to do anything about it, which is a sad commentary on our country. I understand that our military bases in Greece are very important. But I also understand that our aid to Greece is very important because without it they would not survive.

Since ex-President Carter's directive, we have been jockeyed back and forth from person to person in the State Department. Some have paid us lip service. Others don't know what to do with us. Still others, like Miss Hopgood in Consular Services have done the very best that they possibly can, but unfortunately what they can do is severely limited by their position, which is not high enough. To be truthful, mostly everyone, including some of the officials in the American Embassy in Greece, wish that we would just go away - quietly! No one who has the authority wants to make any waves. It's that simple. Only a DIRECT ORDER from YOU, or someone higher up in the State Department can see this through so that justice prevails. Unless this order comes, everyone will just go through half-hearted motions. This is evident by the fact that they have already IGNORED DIRECT INSULTS. Allow me to elaborate.

The American Embassy in Greece had written to the Minister of Foreign Affairs OVER 6 months ago, by which letter they were attempting to show an interest in our case. I had been told by someone in the State Department that common courtesy dictates that the Greek Minister answer.

Needless to say, no answer ever came. What did occur, however, was shameful and quite startling.

My mother was given an appointment and was directed to the office of a Mr. Tsokos in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Unfortunately I was in the hospital undergoing a gall bladder operation and could not fly to Greece to be with her. Our family has been apart all these years, because if she and my sister had left Greece, as they would have liked to do, this case would have died a long time ago.

Anyway, my mother went with our second attorney and another person (See enclosed letter to the American Embassy). To make another long story short, Mr. Tsokos decided that we had no right to go to the "Americans" (He didn't want to take notice of the fact that we are ALL Americans and that it was American capital that we brought into Greece). He continued by telling them that because the Americans dared to write the letter to the Minister, he was going to give the Americans a free lesson in International Law!!! He didn't let anyone get in a word edgewise. By the time they left his office, they had watched him work himself into a full tirade. It seems that he never forgave the Americans for searching him at Customs, when he came to this country over 10 years ago, on a diplomatic mission!!

We filed a letter of protest with the American Embassy. Nothing came of that either. After all, we as Americans seem to be everyone's doormat. At present, the Embassy has sent another letter requesting the status of our case. Needless to say, it will either be ignored AGAIN, or they will receive an answer telling them that the case is in the courts. Everyone knows that these letters are but token gestures. They seem to know very well that no one is going to be put on the carpet for what they are doing to us and seem to delight in this fact. It is not "might FOR right" but rather "might MAKES right!" We pray that you will find it in your heart to change this because we know that you can do so.

I myself have gone to see the various officials at the American Embassy. They have always been courteous. However, the bottom line always seems to be the same: We are not important enough for anyone to do some "arm twisting" (if that is the proper word to use) on our behalf. NO ONE will take it upon themselves to make any waves on our behalf. The order can ONLY COME FROM YOU, or someone high enough in our government who, just this once, is willing to do his part to correct at least one INJUSTICE in this world. Mr. President, am I too naive? I don't think so because it has been done before.

The Greek Government is well aware of what is going on, including the present government of Mr. Papandreou. It was his people who brought the matter before the Greek Parliament. Unfortunately, however, the government may change but the "inner circle" does not. Make no mistake though, because EVERYONE knows about our case. As one Greek official once said: "The POSEIDON AFFAIR is the red flag of the National Bank of Greece and the Greek Government!" In other words, the case is to them what a red flag is to a bull!

And so President Reagan, this is our story in a nutshell. There is much much more. If it all sounds like a James Bond movie, then please let me say, that we paid a VERY HEAVY PRICE for the price of admission. You, however, know better than anyone what goes on "behind the scenes" and I am sure that you have come across this kind of intrigue before. This is why everyone laughs at us with our Watergates and our Abscams, because we don't really know what corruption REALLY is unless we see what goes on abroad.

Thus Mr. President, we ask that you intercede on our behalf because our cause is just. My father had a dream. He paid for it with his life, leaving behind ruin and an amazing story. I ask that his death and our suffering all these years be not in vain. I will go anywhere you tell me to go and show that what I am telling is the truth. WE HAVE NOWHERE TO TURN BUT TO YOU. You are a father, a husband, and OUR President. Thus, I am taking the liberty of asking you to intervene on our behalf to right a grievous wrong, as a just and honorable man.

I thank you profusely for taking the time to read my letter and thank you profusely in advance for ANY and ALL help that you may find in your heart to give. I am, as always,

Most Respectfully yours,

Meropi Tribunella

Neoi Anthropoi, Saturday, April 22, 1978.

BIG SCANDAL IN THE NATIONAL BANK according to the Panhellenic Socialist Party interpellation.
Illegal Sale of the ship "Poseidon".

An interpellation with incalculable repercussions for the future of the National Bank of Greece was brought in Parliament by Panhellenic Socialist Party deputies demanding that the scandal involving the illegal sale of the "Poseidon" be cleared up; this sale, apart from loss to Greek citizens, caused the Greek Government to lose foreign exchange and raised - and still raises - a host of questions regarding many officials of the National Bank.

The interpellation is accompanied by abundant documentary evidence and by the findings of Mr. Akrivos, Department Head in the National Currency Protection Service; these findings are considered a bombshell - we are going to publish it in its entirety in our next issue -. They clearly reveal devices which do anything but honor to the country's leading credit institution, the National Bank. The text of the Panhellenic Socialist Party's interpellation reads as follows:

"There is a known scandal about the condition and resale by the National Bank of Greece of the vessel "Poseidon". It was an illegal act, causing the Greek Government a loss of many millions of drachmas in foreign exchange and raising many questions among the public. More specifically, this scandalous affair is as follows:

1. Although under Emergency Decree Law 136/67, the corporation which had obtained the loan was obligated to repay it to the bank in the very same foreign exchange, the bank impermissibly sold the vessel "Poseidon" in drachmas and although the corporation was in debt to the Shipping Exchange Administration of the Bank of Greece for approximately one million dollars, Olympian Zeus (Private) Ltd., which purchased the vessel from the bank, sold it abroad in foreign exchange at about triple the amount of the purchase price; this foreign exchange thus was lost to the country.
2. The Bank, prior to and in the course of auctioning of the vessel, altered the identity thereof for reasons as yet unknown, thereby causing an undervaluation of the ship to a great extent, with an obvious financial loss to the Greek Government.
3. Likewise, for unknown reasons and despite the fact that the 3300 hp Atlas Mak main engine (engine frame number 55043) which had been ordered, was duly cleared through customs and all the ship's machinery had been placed on board by means of a floating crane of the Piraeus Port Authority (on their seatings in the engine room) in October, 1969, the bank, which was aware of this fact through its technical advisers (naval architects) and

its appropriate departments (credit department, etc.) and through the appropriate control society (Bureau Veritas), concealed this fact so that it was not stated in the report of eviction or the report of attachment or the announcement of the auction sale or in the report of award, which constituted the National Bank of Greece's deed of title to the ship, or the private agreement for the sale thereof by the National Bank of Greece to Olympian Zeus (Private) Ltd. with the ship's identity altered.

4. Olympian Zeus (Private) Ltd., which purchased the vessel from the bank caused a second mortgage on it to be recorded for about 18,000,000 drachmas on the date of purchase, while on the same day the bank caused a first mortgage to be recorded in its favor on the same vessel in the amount of only 9,000,000 drachmas. It is obvious from this that the value of the ship covered both mortgages.

5. By means of the aforementioned false description furnished by the bank, namely a propulsion engine (main engine), an alleged 1900-hp steam engine instead of the actual 3300 hp Diesel engine; and a lack of electric generators instead of the three electric generators on board; and a lack of auxiliary lifting equipment, as against the actually existing complete fitting of the ship with all auxiliary and lifting machinery, the value of which alone amounted to over 15,000,000 drachmas--by means of all the above, the bank sold the entire vessel and the value of the general structure to Olympian Zeus (Private) Ltd. for 8,500,000 drachmas and then the purchaser sold it at 26,000,000 drachmas, or \$ 850,000, that is to say, three times the purchase price, which is, of course, close to the appraisal made by Mr. Valasakis (naval architect, consultant to the National Bank of Greece).

At this point it becomes necessary to take into account that in consequence of the extensive conversion which the ship underwent, it became a new one and its value was \$ 1,500,000. This, of course, can be concluded from the fact that the total conversion jobs cost about 32,600,000 drachmas.

6. The ship, after being sold by the bank, sailed from the port of Piraeus with temporary ship's papers without a new nationality certificate, obviously so that its actual identity would not be discovered by the appropriate services of the Ministry (Merchant Vessel Inspection Bureau, Central Harbor-master's Office, Piraeus, Piraeus Registry of Ships) and sailed with a nationality certificate identical in form to

our own and with the same ship particulars it had in 1968.

7. The vessel received permanent ship's papers in April, 1976, obtained by its last buyer, Tepeleni Compania Naviesa, in which its full, actual identity is given without any supporting documents showing the manner in which the main engine and other equipment were originally installed.

8. The said vessel "Poseidon", up to the time of attachment by the bank, had been attended by the Bureau Veritas Classification Society, which is required to keep records regarding the ship's general structure; the second buyers of the ship stated, when obtaining the ship's papers (tonnage certificate) that no conversion had been made.

9. From May, 1970, through the day of attachment, the vessel was at the repair docks of the Syros Dockyard, where the most extensive conversion jobs were performed.

10. It should be noted that at the time the decision was made by the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Greece to sell the vessel to Olympian Zeus (Private) Ltd., the latter company had not yet been organized. It was organized ten days later, and the articles of incorporation were published in the Bulletin of Corporations and Private Limited Companies ten more days thereafter.

In consequence of all the foregoing which reveals and establishes a "chain" of illegal acts that manifestly involve criminal law, the Ministers of Coordination, Finance and Merchant Marine are being interpellated as to why the appropriate measures were not taken to safeguard the interests of the Greek Government and what specific penalties have been imposed on the responsible executives of the National Bank of Greece for the very serious breaches of duty and criminal acts they committed."

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *J.P.T.*

REQUEST: To schedule a half hour meeting between the President and Greek President Karamanlis when the latter comes to the U.S. to receive an honorary degree in the latter part of the spring.

PURPOSE: To show recognition for Karamanlis' support of U.S. interests in the ongoing base negotiations and other key areas.

BACKGROUND: Karamanlis is a long-time friend of the U.S. He is respected for having restored democracy to Greece, and he has used the powers of his office to encourage moderation in PM Papandreou's policies. The President had planned to meet with Karamanlis last fall at the Conference on Free Elections but Karamanlis was unable to postpone a prior commitment at that time.

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PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: As Prime Minister, Karamanlis met with President Carter in 1978.

DATE AND TIME: During the last week of May

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: To be provided

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Meeting of one-half hour's duration. No other events required.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points

MEDIA COVERAGE: Press pool photo

RECOMMENDED BY: Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK RYAN

FROM: JOHN POINDEXTER

REQUEST: Thirty-minute meeting with Greek President Karamanlis

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PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: As Prime Minister, Karamanlis met with President Carter in 1978

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 6, 1983 -- 30 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Secretary Shultz
William P. Clark
President Karamanlis
Others to be provided

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Thirty-minute meeting

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: William P. Clark
Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: Charles P. Tyson

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK RYAN

FROM: JOHN POINDEXTER



SUBJECT: Thirty-Minute Meeting with Greek President
Karamanlis

A meeting with Greek President Karamanlis had been previously approved, however it became necessary to postpone the meeting.

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Tab A Schedule Proposal

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May 6, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM:

CHARLES P. TYSON 

SUBJECT:

Presidential Meeting with Greek
President Karamanlis

Attached at Tab A is a Schedule Proposal for your signature recommending that the President meet with Greek President Karamanlis for thirty minutes on Monday, June 6.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab A.

Approve



Disapprove

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Tab A: Schedule Proposal

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SUBJECT: Thirty-Minute Meeting with Greek President Karamanlis

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

May 20, 1983

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Others to be provided

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Thirty-minute meeting

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: William P. Clark
Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: Charles P. Tyson

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MEMORANDUM

TO: WILLIAM CLARK
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: The meeting with Greek President Karamanlis, previously scheduled for June 6, is cancelled for that date.

DATE:

TIME:

DURATION:

LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED:

MEDIA COVERAGE:

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION:

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Date 11/9/83

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Eutychios Papagrigrakis

Date: August 29, 1983 Subject: Requesting response to
letter on U.S.-Greek relations

WH Referral Dated: November 1, 1983 NSC ID# 169741
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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

 A translation is attached.

 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:

Charles Hill
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 7, 1983

Mr. Eutychos Papagrigorakis
Managing Editor
The Light
26-80 30th Street
Astoria, L.I. N.Y. 11102

Dear Mr. Papagrigorakis:

Your letter of August 29, 1983, addressed to President Reagan, has been forwarded to this office for reply.

The United States and Greece share a deep commitment to individual freedom and democracy; we are joined in the NATO Alliance in defense of these ideals so basic to the Western community. The United States recognizes the historic role that Greece played in the development of these ideals and the role it has as an important ally to the United States and the West as a member of NATO and of the European Community.

We believe that a good relationship between the United States and Greece is in the interest of both countries. Greece has a democratic system of government which protects the right of its citizens to freely express their views and to elect their representatives. We of course have differences with the Greek Government from time to time, which is normal in relations between two nations whose perspectives can differ, but it is firm U.S. policy to work constructively with the government chosen by the Greek people. It would not be appropriate for the United States Government to become involved in the internal political affairs of Greece.

Thank you for taking the time to inform us of your concerns regarding U.S.-Greek relations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dirk Gleysteen".

Dirk Gleysteen
Director,
Office of Southern European Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 9/27
To: Cecilya Dwyer

The attached is for your:

- Information
- Appropriate Action
- Review and Return:
- With Comments

Note that he wants
response -
Do you have his 1st letter?
Can I help look for it?

Linda
We referred the first
letter to Bob Sims, NSC:

LINDA FRICK
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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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August 29, 1983

To: The President of the United States of America,
Mr. Ronald Reagan

Dear Mr. President,

On July 25, 1983, I sent the enclosed letter to the White House. To date I have not received a reply and can only conclude that the letter was either lost in the mail or for whatever reason has not been forwarded to you.

As such I am enclosing a copy of the letter and resubmitting it in the hopes that it will reach you without hinderance or delay. The business at hand is most serious and I know you want and need to be apprised of the situation.

Once again, I thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to give this urgent matter your attention.

Looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, I remain

Sincerely yours,

E. Papagrigorakis
Eutychios Papagrigorakis
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July 25, 1983

To: The President of the United States of America,
Mr. Ronald Reagan

Dear Mr. President:

My name is Eutyichios Papagrigorakis, journalist and publisher of the Greek newspaper "The Light," through whose columns I regularly corresponded with the Carter government on topics concerning both Greece and the United States.

My purpose for writing this letter is to inform you that I represent a segment of the Greek people comprised of scholars, professionals, and distinguished Greeks whose singular purpose is to hinder and hopefully prevent the Papandreou government from throwing Greece into the lap of Russian communism.

Our organization, or party, also has as its goal the restoration of friendly relations between the Greek and American peoples. As you are well aware these relations are being systematically poisoned more and more each day by the Papandreou government.

We have found it necessary to form a political party because we fear that Mr. Papandreou may retain his office in the upcoming elections. Unfortunately the opposition party under the leadership of Mr. Averoff is unable to develop an effective strategy which is at the same time efficacious.

My co-workers and I believe that American diplomacy is very much concerned with the political evolution of Greece. The fact is that we are willing and able to work for our cause, but we need your moral and financial support, without which we will never be able to realize our goals. The result will mean irreparable harm to Greece, the United States, and the Western World as a whole.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my party's wholehearted support of your foreign policy, particularly the proposed deployment of missiles in Europe, for we fully realize that the moment the Soviet Union perceives itself stronger than the United States, she will not hesitate to implement her program of world conquest and the subjugation of all peoples.

Mr. Papandreou's plans for the demilitarization of the Balkans are

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Mr. President, it is our wish that for the time being the contents of this letter remain strictly confidential.

Looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Eutychieos Papagrigorakis
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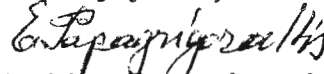
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