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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear George:

The President asked me to thank you for your recent letter and to provide you with a detailed and comprehensive response.

I know how well you understand the state in which this Administration found our defense readiness upon taking office. We are still engaged in the effort to convince Congress and the American people of the need to strengthen our ability to deter Soviet aggression. One very cost effective way of doing so is to help our allies, who in many cases form the front line of U.S. national defense, improve their deterrent capability.

Nowhere is this more evident than on NATO's southern flank where two key allies face difficulties. Both Greece and Turkey are essential to the Alliance in deterring Soviet aggression on their borders as well as that directed at the vulnerable Eastern Mediterranean region. Turkish armed forces are suffering from block obsolescence of their equipment. Turkey's equipment is in some cases so old that spare parts cannot even be found to keep the equipment in operation, and the spare parts that are available are exorbitantly expensive because they are so rare. A modernization program can no longer be postponed. We have proposed additional assistance to start meeting that need. It will not transform the Turkish armed forces overnight. It will, however, help the Turks meet their minimum defense tasks, agreed upon in NATO planning councils.

The fact we are proposing substantial assistance for Turkey does not mean that we value any less our traditional relationship with our close ally and friend, Greece. This Administration is convinced that both Greece and Turkey are important and that both countries are best served by membership in NATO, and the common defense umbrella that membership provides. We regret there are serious areas of dispute between these two allies. We certainly have urged them to meet to discuss their differences and to work out mutually agreeable solutions. In this and other ways we try to be helpful, including paying due regard to the need to maintain a balance of forces in the region. Our aid program has been developed with this in mind.

We are presently engaged in negotiations with Greece on a new agreement to define the status of the U.S. military facilities there. We have informed the Greek government that, in the context of an acceptable agreement, the U.S. Government is proposing an increase of \$220 million in FMS support for Greece. This is in addition to this year's proposal for \$280 million in Foreign Military Sales guaranteed loans.

I can assure you that this Administration sets a high priority on a just and lasting settlement of the tragic Cyprus situation. We have made extensive efforts to encourage realistic and meaningful negotiations between representatives of the two communities. The Secretary of State has appointed an experienced senior diplomat to coordinate our efforts in support of the UN-sponsored intercommunal talks. We believe these talks offer the best forum for resolving deep and so far intractable differences, and we are ever alert to new opportunities for reducing tensions in the region.

The Turkish Government has publicly stated its interest in a solution to the Cyprus problem and has firmly supported the intercommunal talks. We have encouraged this and believe the Turkish Government will continue to promote flexibility on the part of the Turkish Cypriots, but we believe it is unrealistic to expect unilateral concessions from Turkey, except as part of the negotiating process.

George, I do hope this information helps clarify the policy President Reagan is pursuing with regard to Cyprus and to our assistance for Turkey and Greece and that it will be useful to you in responding to inquiries from Greek-Americans. Your statesmanship and support are vital to us as we try to build understanding for our policy toward the southern flank. We are convinced that the course we are pursuing is a reasonable one and the one best designed to promote a Cyprus solution and to strengthen our relations with both Greece and Turkey over the long term.

Sincerely,

William P. Clark

Mr. George Christopher
President
Christopher Commercial Corporation
1170 Sacramento Street, 5D
San Francisco, California

MEMORANDUM

INFORMATION

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK BURGESS
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: ALLEN J. LENZ *ajl*

SUBJECT: Foreign Policy Talking Points for the President's
Meeting with Greek Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos

Attached at Tab A are two talking points and one background
point for the President's meeting with Archbishop Iakovos.

Tab A Talking points

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MEMORANDUM

10/29/81

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: with Archbishop Iakovos
DATE: November 3, 1981
TIME: 1:45 pm (changed from 4:15 pm)
DURATION: 15 minutes
LOCATION: Oval Office
REMARKS REQUIRED: To be included in briefing paper
MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

cc: M. Brandon	J. Parr
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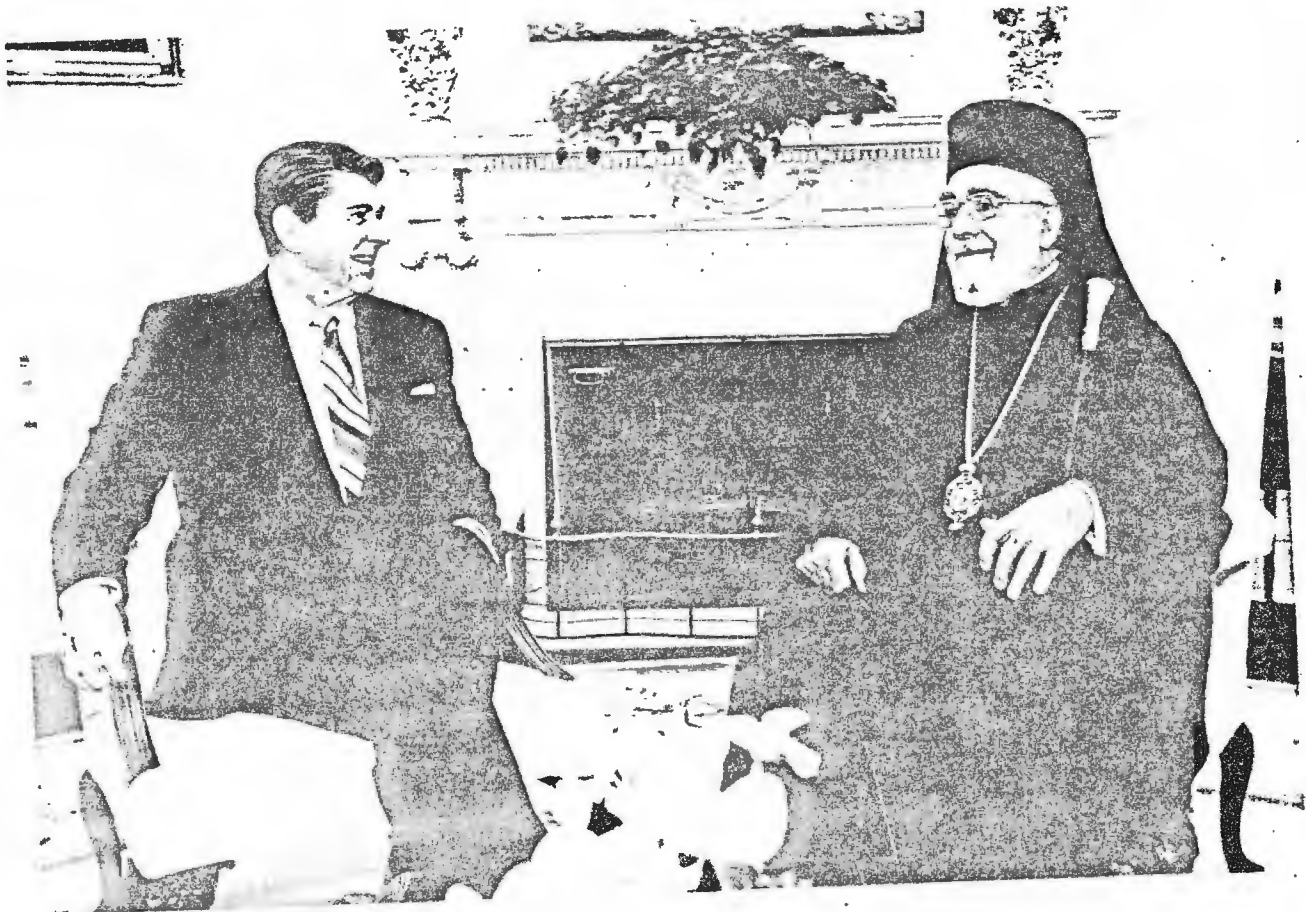
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The New York Times / George Tames

COURTESY CALL: Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas, visiting President Reagan yesterday at the White House.

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October 20, 1981

MEETING WITH His ^{EMINENCE} ~~Excellency~~ Archbishop Iakovos
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in North and South America
DATE November 3, 1981
LOCATION Oval Office
TIME 1:45-2:00 pm
FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole 

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on Tuesday, November 3, 1981
for POTUS/Jack Burgess of WHO/Public Liaison
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Archbishop Iakovos	7/29/11	034 28 3748
KARLOUTSOS, Alex	4/5/45	282 42 4988
KOROLOGOS, Thomas	4/6/33	529 38 0686

(background attached)

MEETING LOCATION

Building <u>WH/WW</u>	Requested by <u>Jack Burgess</u>
Room No. <u>Oval Office</u>	Room No. <u>128</u> Telephone <u>7140</u>
Time of Meeting <u>1:45 pm</u>	Date of request <u>November 2, 1981</u>

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RED CAVANEY

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