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WASHINGTON OFFICE

Dear Sirs,

The 20th of July is a sorrowful anniversary. It is the anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus which has generated problems to the humanity and has aggravated the eternal problem of the Near East which threatens a new world war. The 20th July, 1984 is the tenth anniversary of the continuing drama of the Cypriots. For ten years not only has there not been any progress, despite the world-wide outcry and the successive United Nations resolutions, but because of the inactivity of those who could stop the invader the tragedy continues. The 2,000 Greek and Cypriot missing persons are being held in Turkish prisons for the last 120 months? The invader, after the pillage, distributes to the settlers from Anatolia the properties of the unlucky 200,000 Cypriot refugees who are still wandering unsettled away from their homes. The churches have been converted to stables, storage warehouses and public conveniences. The archaeological treasures of the island have become objects of organised smuggling of antiquities. The last and worst audacity has been the unilateral declaration of the dummy state of Denktash which together with the overall question of the Cyprus problem keeps the political horizon in Greece very dull.

Mr. OZAL the Turkish Prime Minister, in a recent Press Conference, has declared - praising the role of the Turkish army - "that if Turkey is lost the West will panic".

When in 1940-1941 the European countries were being occupied by the Nazis, the West was actually panicking and Turkey betrayed its allies, Greece, without asking for anything, fought in Albania together with 35,000 Cypriot volunteers and won the first victory of the 2nd World War - a Victory which pleased and encouraged the frightened people of the western world and which has been described as "Victory of the Free Nations". At the same time Turkey always waiting for the opportunity, was demanding through Stalin and Hitler, that the islands of the East Aegean, Lesbos, Chios, Samos and the Dodecanese be assigned to it. All those who remember the Agreement between Lenin-Kemal (1921) correctly argue that Turkey will always be double-faced and an ally of the Soviet Union even if, during peace time, it appears to be an ally of the NATO countries accepting both military and financial assistance which is borne by the USA taxpayers.

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(The violation of International Laws, the continuation of the uncertainty concerning the Greek/Turkish relation which weakens the S.E. wing of NATO, the breach of agreements which they have signed and other events which serve the interests of the Soviet Union prove that the Lenin-Kemal agreement is still in force). The majority of the Turkish military forces is not stationed at the Russian boarder Turkish but at the West coast of Asia Minor, opposite the Greek islands of the Aegean. As the USA are providing military assistance to Turkey they are in fact assisting an army to fight against Greece.

It is a well known fact that Turkey did not help its peace time allies in either the 1st or the 2nd World War. The people of USA and Greece together with the people of other nations have fought and they are ready to fight again to retain their freedom. However, the sovionists of Turkey are trying, using any means, to take away the freedom of other people, to exploit and exterminate them. The original inhabitants since 5,000 years ago of land now under Turkish occupation, Greeks, Armenians, Kurds etc. are wandering all over the world as stateless refugees. Where is the respect for human rights? Shouldn't they some day gain their freedom and their other human rights?

Based on their behaviour so far and the unchanged policy of Turkey it is absolutely certain that the Turks will not change and become an ally during wartime . And if, someday, a new war breaks out the Greeks, true to their history, will again defend the "Thermopyles" of Humanity.

Your personal contribution for a free and independent Republic of Cyprus, a member of the EEC and of any other organisation of the free World, will be an act which will be both positive and beneficial for the whole world, and will remedy the present tragic situation.

We appeal to you for the 10th time, in your capacity as an outstanding person of the free world, for your honourable personal assistance and contribution in order to achieve the suspension of every military assistance to Turkey for as long as the tragedy of Cyprus is continuing. The Turkish invasion of Cyprus was achieved through the illegal use of American arms and equipment; as a result political relations between Greece and the USA reached a crisis point.

The Greek people all over the world still believe that their principles constitute the expression of hope and expectations of all the people and especially the enslaved ones whose most eager desire is to gain their freedom and human dignity. The centuries old affection of the Greek people towards the people of the USA were badly affected because of the use of American Arms for the invasion of Cyprus.

Yours truly,

