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COUNTRY : GREECE
DOI : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF PIPINELIS

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ACQ : [REDACTED]
SOURCE : [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED]

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER PANAGIOTIS PIPINELIS "IS PREPARING TO RESIGN HIS POSITION." [REDACTED] SINCE 13 DECEMBER 1967 PIPINELIS HAD CONSIDERED HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT AS BEING LINKED WITH THE EVENTUAL RETURN OF KING CONSTANTINE TO GREECE.

[REDACTED] PRIME MINISTER GEORGIOS PAPADOPOULOS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TOLD PIPINELIS THAT THE KING CANNOT RETURN TO GREECE, AT LEAST NOT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. PIPINELIS NOW CONSIDERS HIS MISSION A FAILURE AND WANTS TO RESIGN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PIPINELIS VISITED REGENT LIEUTENANT GENERAL GEORGIOS ZOITAKIS AND PAPADOPOULOS [REDACTED] AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER STYLIANOS PATTAKOS [REDACTED] TO INFORM THEM OF HIS INTENTIONS.

[REDACTED] PATTAKOS ATTEMPTED TO TALK PIPINELIS OUT OF RESIGNING.

2. [REDACTED] POTENTIAL REPLACEMENTS FOR PIPINELIS ARE: (A) VASILEIOS PAPADAKIS, A FORMER AMBASSADOR, 70 YEARS OLD, A VERY ACTIVE AND VERY SHREWD INDIVIDUAL, RECENTLY APPOINTED THE HEAD OF ZOITAKIS' POLITICAL OFFICE, A FORMER CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF DECEASED DICTATOR IOANNIS METAXAS, A FORMER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF METAXAS' RIGHTIST YOUTH MOVEMENT; AND (B) NIKOLAOS FARMAKIS, FORMER NATIONAL RADICAL UNION (ERE) DEPUTY, WHO WAS PICKED BY PAPADOPOULOS ON 21 APRIL 1967 TO BE FOREIGN MINISTER BUT WHO WAS REJECTED AS A CANDIDATE BY THE KING.

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