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July 25, 1949

Dear Pilgrim:

For your information I am attaching a copy of a memorandum that was sent to General Van Fleet today. At the bottom of that memorandum General Van Fleet wrote: "Approved Action. V.F."

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: General Van Fleet ✓  
General Jenkins

FROM: B. Y. Berry

Referring to our conversation last Thursday, and particularly to that part which concerned a possible crossing in force by the Greek National Army of the Albanian frontier, I wish to inform you that I have received a cable this morning from Washington stating that such action within the next eighteen months would be very unfortunate in view of plans being promulgated in Washington.

The cable adds that minor individual incidents which are bound to occur will not be too serious. However, border crossings must not be the policy of the Greek Government or Army and must not happen on a large scale.

It is my understanding that the thinking in this Washington cable coincides completely with your thinking and the conversations you have had upon the subject with General Papagos. If such understanding is not correct, I shall appreciate your advising me as soon as possible.

*Approved action*  
*VF*

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