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1. AS LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE VISIT PROCEEDS, CERTAIN PATTERN
EMERGES FROM MEETINGS TO DATE WITH POLITICAL SECTION AND
JUSMAGG.

2. ON POLITICAL SIDE THEY APPARENTLY ARE SEEKING TO
DEVELOP THESIS THAT THERE IS NO PROSPECT FOR RETURN TO
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER PAPADOPOULOS. THEY ACCEPT
AS GIVEN THAT HE IS HEADING MILITARY DICTATORSHIP
USING WELL-KNOWN APPARATUS OF POLICE STATE TO MAINTAIN
POWER. THEY ARE CAREFULLY DOCUMENTING THIS THESIS BY
SELECTIVE INTERVIEWING OF OPPOSITION FIGURES DRAWN
FROM LIST WITH WHICH THEY CAME EQUIPPED, PRESUMABLY NAMES
SUGGESTED BY VARIOUS ANTI-REGIME SOURCES IN WASHINGTON.
(THEY DECLINED TO REVEAL TO EMBASSY WHOM THEY ARE SEEING.)
WE DOUBT WHETHER THIS LINE OF THEIR
INQUIRY WILL PRODUCE CONCLUSION THAT A CHANGE IN EXISTING US
POLICY OF SEEKING TO WORK WITH PAPADAPOULOS GOVERNMENT
WOULD ACCELERATE GREECE'S RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. AS SEEN FROM
HERE WE BELIEVE OUTCOME OF THIS ASPECT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS
SHOULD BE MANAGEABLE INSOFAR AS REBUTAL BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH
WITNESSES IN ANY HEARINGS MAY BECOME NECESSARY.

3. THRUST OF THEIR INQUIRY IN MILITARY AREA SEEMS TO US
DESIGNED TO DEVELOP VIABLE BASIS ON WHICH US COULD DISASSOCIATE
ITSELF FROM PRESENT REGIME. SINCE USG STATEMENT AT TIME OF
RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS GAVE AS PRIME REASON SECURITY
INTERESTS IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND CONCOMITANT NEED FOR
MILITARY FACILITIES HERE, AND DAVIES' TESTIMONY LAST JUNE
ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THIS, THEY HAVE BEEN

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WHAT MILITARY FACILITIES ARE INVOLVED, IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WE COULD COUNT ON GREEK COOPERATION IN MAKING THEM AVAILABLE, WHAT US MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE CURRENTLY STATIONED HERE FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND PROBABLY WHETHER ANY EXISTING US MILITARY PRESENCE IN GREECE POSES POTENTIAL RISK OF UNILATERAL US MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN AREA. IN ATTEMPTING TO UNDERSTAND US-GREEK MILITARY RELATIONS, THEY SEEM TO BE RELYING HEAVILY ON THEIR EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHICH IS IN NO SENSE PARALLEL.

4. ON BASIS STANDING DOD INSTRUCTIONS, PRESUMABLY CONCURRED IN BY STATE, WE CANNOT BE FORTHCOMING IN DEALING WITH SUCH QUESTIONS. CONSEQUENTLY WE PROBABLY SHOULD BEGIN TO PLAN WHAT TACTICS CAN BE USED IF NEGATIVE RESULTS THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND OUT FACTS IN MILITARY AREA LEAD THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT OUR SECURITY INTERESTS IN GREECE ARE MINIMAL OR THAT IN EVENT OF SOME CRISIS, PARTICULARLY IN MOST LIKELY PROSPECT OF RESUMPTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES, THEY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE, AND HENCE THERE IS LITTLE NECESSITY FOR US TO COOPERATE WITH THE PRESENT GOG..

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