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1. GREECE: Formation of Plastiras government urged--US
 Ambassador Grady reports that while discussing the Greek political situation with King Paul, he warned the King against his expressed desire to form a government other than one based on the centrist bloc headed by Plastiras. Indicating his belief that such a centrist solution would reflect the will of the Greek people as revealed in the recent election, Grady told the King that any other solution would bring criticism upon the Palace for interference and Greece would be thrown into a period of political confusion as the result of an unstable government. In answer to King Paul's expressed fear that the US would become disgusted with Plastiras and withdraw aid, Grady assured him the US would be more disturbed by political confusion than by the designation of Plastiras as prime minister. Grady pointed out that by-passing Plastiras would force him to join forces with the leftists, thus creating a strong leftist group which might ultimately take political control of Greece. Grady concluded by pointing out to the King the dangers of further delay in forming a new government.



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