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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: NIE 29.3-64: THE IMPLICATIONS OF
THE CYPRUS DISPUTE

NOTE FOR THE BOARD

We hope to have an oral contributions meeting on this on
Wednesday, 27 May.

SCOPE NOTE

We think that there is at least a fair chance that the UN
may bring a measure of stability to the Cyprus situation. None-
theless future developments are far from clear. Hence this
estimate will focus largely on the near term future -- ie.
the next 6-12 months. After analyzing the major forces at
work within Cyprus and the attitudes of the countries concerned
with the dispute, we will examine the possible alternative
solutions. Finally, major emphasis will be devoted to the implica-
tions of the Cyprus problem for the various Western allies,
the Communist bloc, and the nonaligned nations.

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

I. THE FORCES AT WORK

A. Domestic

The locus of power within the communities on Cyprus, the extent of dependence of communal leaders on the mother countries, the intentions and capabilities of both communities, the role of the Communists, the mood of the populace, and the freedom of communal leaders to consider compromises.

B. External

Greek and Turkish forces on the island and their involvement in guerrilla activities, the intentions and capabilities of Greece and Turkey regarding Cyprus, restraints on their freedom of action, the role of the UK, the attitudes and activities of the USSR, and the influence of the nonaligned nations.

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II. EFFORTS TOWARD A SOLUTION

A. Mediation

The modus operandi of the UN, the relations of the UN with the communities, the UN's ability to restore order and promote disarmament, the relations of the UN with the mother countries, the interrelations of the UN and NATO mediation efforts, the ability of NATO mediation to change Greek and Turkish attitudes, and the possibilities and utility of direct Greek-Turkish negotiations.

B. Possible Solutions

The Greek and Turkish communal positions, the trend toward radical solutions, the essentials of a viable solution, and the prospects for an ultimate solution.

III. IMPLICATIONS OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE

The effect on Turkey and Greece of either prolongation of the current dispute or a solution either side considers unsatisfactory, the possibility of armed intervention, the

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threat to NATO and to US relations with the countries concerned, the role of the British and the threat to their position in the Middle East, the implications for the Soviet role in the area, and implications for the nonaligned nations.

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