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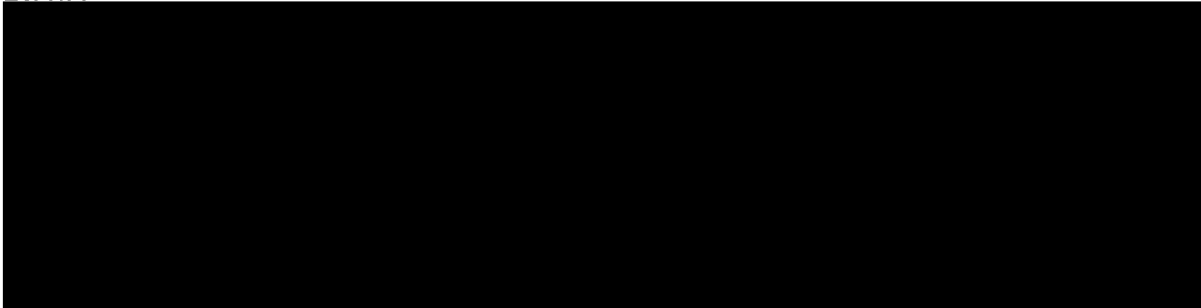
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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.



25X1A 1. [redacted] the Minister of the Interior, Constantine Rendis, signed and addressed the following order to the Gendarmerie Garrison Commanders of Aghios Efstratios and Trikkeri:

"Release of persons exiled without decisions.

In view of cases of persons who are in exile on Aghios Efstratios and Trikkeri, whereas no formal decision of any kind was issued for their exile, or where decisions that were issued have expired without being extended and consequently a small number of exiles continue to remain in exile without any legal decision [having been issued], we announce that by virtue of the present:

1. All persons in exile on Aghios Efstratios and Trikkeri, against whom no decisions for exile have been issued, shall be released.
2. Likewise exiles, whose term of exile has expired and no other decision prolonging their previous exile has followed, shall be released.
3. In the future, all exiles whose sentence is expiring shall be released on the day following the last day of their sentence, provided that no newer decision extending the previous one has followed it.
4. Those exiles released in accordance with the above shall be given a travel permit for the place of their permanent residence or abode, and at the same time the local Police Directorate or Gendarmerie Command shall receive notification of this from the Gendarmerie garrison [of the place of exile].
5. The Gendarmerie garrisons shall report separately and in detail on each case of release both to us and to the Section of National Security, and if it falls within the competence of the City Police, they shall report also to the General Directorate of City Police of this Ministry (Service of Coordination).

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6. The local Police Directorates and Gendarmerie Commands shall report to us, according to their respective competence, concerning the return of those who have been released from exile and at the same time they shall give instructions for the surveillance of such persons.

The Minister

C. Rendis"

2. The above order was also distributed to the following:

High Command of the Gendarmerie and of the City Police
General Directorate of the City Police
Inspectorates of Gendarmerie
Police Directorates
Higher Gendarmerie Commands
Sub-Directorates of General Security City Police
Commands of the State Gendarmerie
Section of National Security in the Ministry of the Interior

3. At 2:00 p.m. on 6 November 1951, Rendis ordered Major Kranis, Section Chief of the Displaced Persons Office of the Ministry of the Interior, to Aghios Efstratios to bring back successful EDA candidates in exile. They were returned secretly to Athens on 9 November 1951, to avoid EDA-organized reception or demonstration.¹

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Comment: Contrary to newspaper reports, the order does not release large numbers of exiles; the order affects persons who are being held illegally. A typical case in point is the one involving five persons acquitted by a Military Court Martial in Patras, and immediately picked up by the police and without further ado dispatched to Aghios Efstratios in exile. This case spurred the Minister to issue the above order.

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