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OCTOBER 14, 1974

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

1. THE PRESIDENT IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR ON WEDNESDAY BEFORE 10 P.M. SINCE YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE AL SMITH DINNER, A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENT DOES, HOWEVER, WANT TO TALK TO YOU ON THE PHONE WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON TUESDAY. HE SHOULD BE IN KANSAS CITY AT THAT TIME. THURSDAY MORNING IS HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE WATERGATE COMMITTEE. BUT I AM TRYING TO GET SOME TIME IN THE AFTERNOON, PERHAPS AROUND 3:30 P.M. FOR YOU TO MEET WITH HIM.

2. THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE VETO STATEMENT AS YOU HAD CLEARED IT AT 2 P.M. AND, AS WELL, MADE SOME COMMENTS FOR THE EVENING NEWS. HIS COMMENTS FOLLOW:

BEGIN TEXT:

## PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS ON CONTINUING RESOLUTION VETO

TODAY, IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, I AM RETURNING TO THE CONGRESS WITHOUT MY APPROVAL THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS AMENDED TO CUT OFF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

IN SO DOING, I WANT TO CLEAR THE AIR OF A NUMBER OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING THE U.S. POSITION TOWARD THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE CRISIS OUR OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN: TO ESTABLISH A CEASEFIRE; TO ASSIST THE PARTIES TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS; AND TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE OUR (HISTORICALLY FRIENDLY) TIES WITH GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS.

I HAVE DISCUSSED THESE GOALS WITH THE BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP OF BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND HAVE RECEIVED THEIR UNANIMOUS AND VIGOROUS SUPPORT.

OUR ABILITY TO PURSUE THESE GOALS DEPENDS, HOWEVER, ON BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE CUTOFF OF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IS DESTRUCTIVE OF THAT RELATIONSHIP.

FURTHER, IT IN NO WAY HELPS THE GREEK PEOPLE OR THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH IN THE PAST MONTHS. IN FACT, BY DASHING HOPES FOR NEGOTIATIONS IT PROLONGS THEIR SUFFERING.

WE RECOGNIZE CLEARLY THE NEED TO INSURE THAT THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF THE GREEK PEOPLE ARE MAINTAINED. WE SEEK A SETTLEMENT WHICH INSURES THAT FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT.

UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP WITH GREECE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH GENERATIONS OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT BASED ON SHARED VALUES AND COMMON GOALS. I INTEND FIRMLY TO CARRY ON AND STRENGTHEN THAT RELATIONSHIP.

I CANNOT, HOWEVER, CARRY OUT THIS PLEDGE IF MY ABILITY TO ACT IN THE CURRENT CRISIS IS VITIATED BY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE CONGRESS.

WE ALL SEEK A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. WE ALL SEEK JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS.

WE ALL SEEK TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH AND COOPERATION IN OUR RELATIONS THAT IS KEY TO WESTERN SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT I RETURN THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CONGRESS AND ASK IT TO THOUGHTFULLY RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. I PLEDGE TO CONTINUE WORKING CLOSELY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CONGRESS TO ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN HELPING THE PARTIES TOWARD A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE.

END TEXT.

WARM REGARDS.

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