

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
TELEPHONE CALL FROM ROBERT ELLSWORTH
July 16, 1974, 5:00 p.m.

Robert Ellsworth called on Cyprus. He said I should have ^{cabled instructions} ~~messages~~ within three hours. They do not represent any major new developments; however, he wanted to fill me in

1. Makarios seems to be alive and in the hands of the UK at his request.
2. We continue to stress our goal of prevention of the internationalization of the Cyprus situation, that means preventing the Greeks or the Turks to intervene and preventing the Soviet Union from intervening.
3. UN Security Council has been called for 3:00 p.m. New York time today by the Secretary General, we don't know at this time who will say what.
4. The situation on the ground is still ambiguous, such that the US Government and HAK are not in a position to have judgments as to what is the best thing to do.
5. We are sending messages to Ambassadors in Ankara and Athens instructing them again today, as yesterday, to make the same points they made yesterday, but in addition, ~~with respect to Athens,~~ ^{to} ask insistently in Athens to get an unambiguous statement from them of the what/purposes of the Greek Government are, if any in Cyprus, and attempt to decouple them from the situation



in Cyprus.

The Ambassador is being instructed to go to Ioannides
even though he ~~has a low position~~^{is not} in the Government.

In Ankara, the Ambassador is being instructed, in addition to the points from yesterday, to again stress the need for caution and restraint and to attempt to get them to spell out what contingencies could provoke them, what they would be provoked to do, and what outcome they would expect to seek, if they are provoked.

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