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SINAI: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED TELEPHONED CONFIRMATION FROM THE RESIDENT CLERK.
2. BEGINS: I AM NOT SURE HOW CLOSELY YOU WILL HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A BASIS FOR PARTICIPATION BY FRANCE AND BRITAIN, TOGETHER WITH ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS, IN THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SINAI.
3. THE SITUATION TODAY, I UNDERSTAND, IS THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, ALONE AMONG THE TEN, IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IN ITS PRESENT FORM THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT TO BE ISSUED BY THE TEN.
4. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO URGE THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER TO RALLY TO THE CONSENSUS IN THE TEN FOR THE SAKE OF THE WIDER INTERESTS WHICH ARE AT STAKE. I BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCES OF MONSIEUR PAPANDREOU RESPONDING TO THIS APPEAL WOULD BE GREATLY INCREASED IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR YOU, MR PRESIDENT, TO USE YOUR PERSONAL INFLUENCE WITH HIM IN THE SAME SENSE. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. I THEREFORE VENTURE TO HOPE THAT, IF YOU SHARE MY VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER, YOU WILL FEEL ABLE TO TELEPHONE TO MONSIEUR PAPANDREOU TODAY. ENDS.
5. WHEN YOU DELIVER THE MESSAGE YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE APPROACHING THE FRENCH BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT THE PRESIDENT ENJOYS WITH MONSIEUR PAPANDREOU. YOU MIGHT ALSO REMIND THE ELYSEE THAT THE FRENCH WERE AMONG THOSE WHO FELT MOST STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE A STATEMENT BY THE TEN.

They have also asked for changes in the communication to be made by the four Governments to the United States, Egypt and Israel.

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