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SUBJECT Resignation of Patriarch Maximos Refused
by Greek Government

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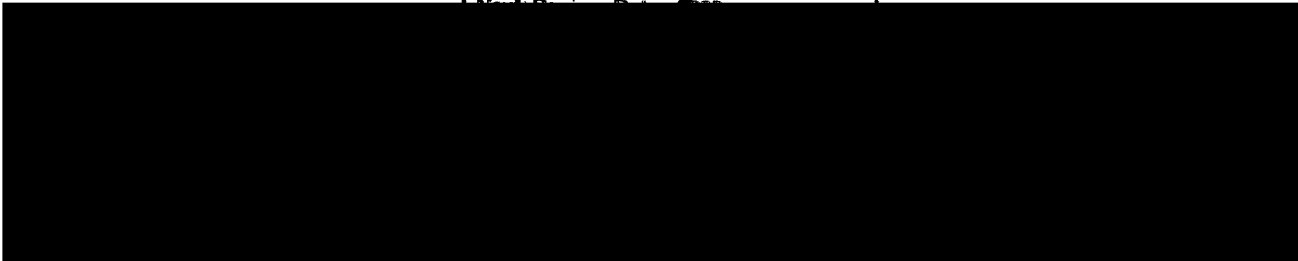
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- 1. Maximos has offered his resignation as Patriarch, but has requested to be allowed to retain the rank of Metropolitan. He refuses to leave for Switzerland. **Comment:** [Redacted] of 16 December 1946, stated that physicians had informed the Phanar that Patriarch Maximos' illness required treatment in a sanitarium in Switzerland, and that arrangements were being made for his immediate departure for that country.)
- 2. The Greek Government declines to accept his resignation, as it wishes to avoid a new election which would create new difficulties with the Turkish Government.
- 3. As the resignation of Patriarch Maximos has been refused by the Greek Government, and in an effort to end all rumors concerning his mental state, the Phanar issued a statement to the press on 30 December to the effect that, "His Holiness is in good health and will not leave for Switzerland."

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