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x 1. It is reported that the Greek Government wants to appoint Chryssanthos, former Metropolitan of Trebizond, successor to Maximos as Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Istanbul. Chryssanthos is described as being a Greek nationalist and anti-Turkish. It is believed that the Turks will never accept the appointment of Chryssanthos.

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Comment: Patriarch Maximos is en route to Athens, at the request of the Greek Government, in order to consult specialists in connection with his illness. If he is found to be incurable, it is believed that his resignation as Patriarch will be accepted.

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