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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

CYPRUS

Situation Report Number 14  
(As of 1200 EDT)

(All times cited are Nicosia time, unless otherwise specified.)

STATUS OF THE US EMBASSY IN NICOSIA

1. President Clerides was obviously shaken by the murder of Ambassador Davies and is doing all he can to guarantee the safety of Americans in Nicosia. He was the first to arrive at the embassy after the attack and accompanied the ambassador to the hospital.

2. Clerides told US embassy officials in Nicosia that he has set up a 24-hour military force around the embassy with orders to fire on any further demonstrators. He has also banned all public meetings and expressed his horror over the killing of Ambassador Davies in a radio broadcast today. He described the people who attacked the embassy as "enemies of Cyprus."

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3. Clerides has also asked the Greek National Guard to detail an armored car to the embassy. National Guard and Cypriot police are sweeping buildings near the embassy for possible snipers. Embassy officials reported snipers in the vicinity earlier.

4. US embassy officials have also asked the Greek embassy in Nicosia for their cooperation. The Greek charge promised to urge the Greek-officered National Guard to protect the embassy.

5. The US defense attache in Nicosia has been in touch with the commander of the National Guard, General Karayiannis, to arrange for the security of the embassy. Karayiannis said he is reinforcing the company now deployed around the embassy with an armored car company.

6. A  report indicated that a Canadian UN contingent has also taken positions around the embassy.

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#### CYPRIT ECONOMY

7. A Cypriot government spokesman said today that about 200,000 Greek Cypriots--about 40 percent of the Greek Cypriot population--have become refugees. He also claimed that the economic damage on Cyprus reaches hundreds of million Cypriot pounds. The Cypriot pound is normally worth \$2.50. A UN official on Cyprus, discussing the refugee problem, stated that the "word 'critical' does not describe the situation." He also reported to UN Headquarters that the island's economic situation is "most critical."

#### ANTI-US SENTIMENT IN GREECE

8. The group commander of the US airbase at Iraklion, Crete was assured this afternoon by the chief of the local gendarmerie that the Greek army units

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under his command will provide complete and continuous protection to the airbase. Reports had come in earlier that demonstrators were preparing to physically attack the base.

9. An estimated three to four thousand demonstrators clashed with police in the center of Athens early today when a hunger strike by students over Cyprus erupted into anti-American rioting. Seven policemen were injured in the rioting according to police. Twenty-three persons reportedly were detained but all except four were released. Authorities charged the disorders were the work of provocateurs supporting the country's ousted military rulers.

#### AREA UNDER TURKISH CONTROL

10. UN representatives in Nicosia have reported the extent of the southern boundary claimed by the Turkish forces. In the far west the line begins at a point on the coast about one mile west of Xeros, runs southeast of Apliki, and then turns northeast to Pano Zodhia. The line is undefined from Pano Zodhia to Mia Milea, but the area of Turkish control does not include Yerolakkas. The line south from Mia Milea extends to a point about one mile southwest of Pyroi, then runs due east passing one mile north of Athienou, and turns southeast again to Troulli. The line continues due east from Troulli along the northern edge of the British base at Khekelia and ends at the port city of Famagusta.

#### CASUALTIES

11. A government spokesman in Nicosia announced today that an estimated 4,000 Greek Cypriots had been killed. Although civilians are included in the figures, these numbers probably present a fairly realistic picture of the Greek Cypriot casualties.

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LATE ITEM

[Redacted] Nicosia reports that the embassy had informed the Cypriot police that today's demonstration would take place, and had asked for protection. The police sent to the embassy were unarmed and clearly not inclined to stop the demonstrators, who were well organized.

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As of 1000 (EDT) a National Guard unit of some 70 men, an armed police detachment of some 40 men, and a small UN force were protecting the embassy. Another UN unit with armor is within five minutes of the embassy. [Redacted] who spoke with the National Guard and police commanders believe that the Cypriot forces probably would not assure the embassy protection from another well organized mob. [Redacted] also believes that the embassy staff will decide to evacuate the embassy tomorrow.

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