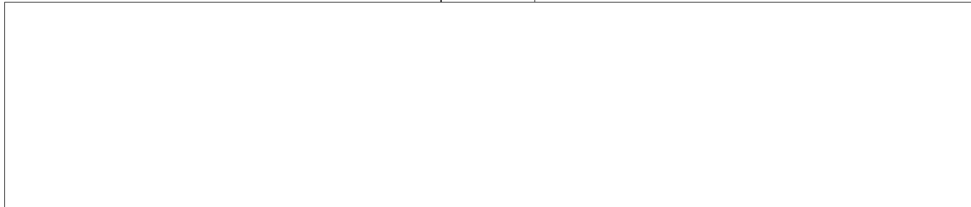


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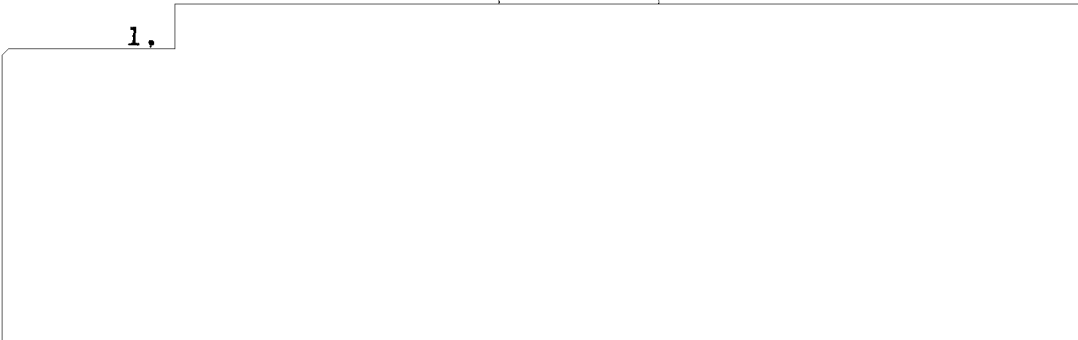
INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

CYPRUS

Situation Report Number 18  
(As of 1630 EDT)

Turkish Intentions

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but so far there has been no indication of significant fighting on Cyprus. This could indicate that any new military operations are being held in abeyance as a result of diplomatic pressures on the Turks to take no action that would make a resumption of peace talks more difficult. However, the continuing Turkish emphasis on atrocities, such as the recent report of finding mass graves outside Famagusta, will make it increasingly difficult for the Ecevit government to hold off any operations intended to ease the pressure on Turkish Cypriot enclaves outside the zone of Turkish occupation.



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3. Should the Turks launch a new military operation on Cyprus beyond the Attila line it will convince many Greeks that Ankara does intend to occupy the entire island. It could also rekindle anti-US sentiments and place US installations in Greece and Cyprus in increased jeopardy.

Turkish Cypriot Views

4. In a press conference today, Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash warned that the Turkish army would undertake new military action to protect Turkish Cypriots if President Clerides is unable to control the Greek Cypriots. Denktash also echoed statements made in Ankara yesterday by Deputy Prime Minister Erbakan, that the Turks will create a separate Turkish state on the island if the Greeks continue to refuse to negotiate.

5. Denktash claimed that if negotiations did not begin soon he would have to establish a central bank and arrange for passports and other services that would be necessary under an autonomous Turkish Cypriot administration. Denktash announced that Turkish currency was henceforth legal tender in the Turkish area of Cyprus. Denktash also told the press that Turkish troops would remain on the island in some force for the foreseeable future and he expected that the 60,000 Turkish Cypriots living in the Greek zone would opt to move into the Turkish area for protection.

6. In a conversation with Ambassador Brown today, Denktash expressed impatience with President Clerides, saying that there is no government on the Greek side of the line. He also said that only a limited number of Greek Cypriots would be permitted to return to their homes in the Turkish area. Clerides has made some effort to make the solution of the refugee problem a condition for opening peace talks.

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Clerides' Views

7. Cypriot President Clerides admitted to Ambassador Brown today that he is not politically strong enough to confront the various terrorist groups in Cyprus at this time. Clerides said that he will try to organize these elements in some sort of relation to the state and then disarm them. Clerides thinks there is considerable confusion among the terrorist groups. He said that EOKA-B has lost its power base with the fall of the military government in Athens. Clerides also believes that the more fanatical supporters of Archbishop Makarios will eventually lose their importance. He concluded by stating that much depends on the Turks, and that his tasks will be easier if the Turks are reasonable.

Cyprus Arrests

8. According to a radio broadcast in Nicosia, the Cypriot police have released two of the men they arrested yesterday in connection with the killing of Ambassador Davies. The third person remains under arrest and the investigation by Cypriot officials is continuing.

Events in Greece

9. Today's press in Athens quotes an authoritative Greek source who repeats earlier assertions that Greece will not take part in Cyprus peace talks until Turkish forces pull back to the positions they occupied on August 9, when demarcation lines were agreed upon. The source also excluded any direct talks between Prime Minister Ecevit and Karamanlis.

10. In Crete, 350 Greeks employed at the US airbase began a 24 hour strike to demonstrate their solidarity with the Greek government's actions and in protest against US policy in Cyprus. A late report indicates a local government official has called the strike off.

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11. The Greek government has banned all demonstrations. The Minister of Education has appealed to Greek and Greek Cypriot students to guard against agent provocateurs in their ranks and not allow them to undermine legitimate student demands. The local press has prominently reported that the demonstration last Sunday and anti-American incidents last weekend were encouraged by agents with links to the Greek intelligence service and the Greek military police (ESA). Students are quoted as identifying known ESA officials and other government plants as leading demonstrators. The news accounts suggest that the goal of such activity is to discredit the civilian government.

12. Menelas Alexandrakis has been named Ambassador to Washington. He served as Greek ambassador to Vienna from 1964-1971 and is considered an expert on Cyprus. According to the US embassy in Vienna, he is friendly to the US and very anti-junta. He is a great admirer of Prime Minister Karamanlis, whom he has known for thirty years, although he is not a close friend. Alexandrakis was deputy representative to NATO for over five years and has served in San Francisco and Washington as consul and press officer respectively.

13. Greece continues to refuse diplomatic clearance for landings at Greek airfields other than Athens. Flights in and out of Athens require six hours prior notification. In general, however, the US embassy reports that anti-US incidents have diminished.

Background on Greek Army Reshuffle

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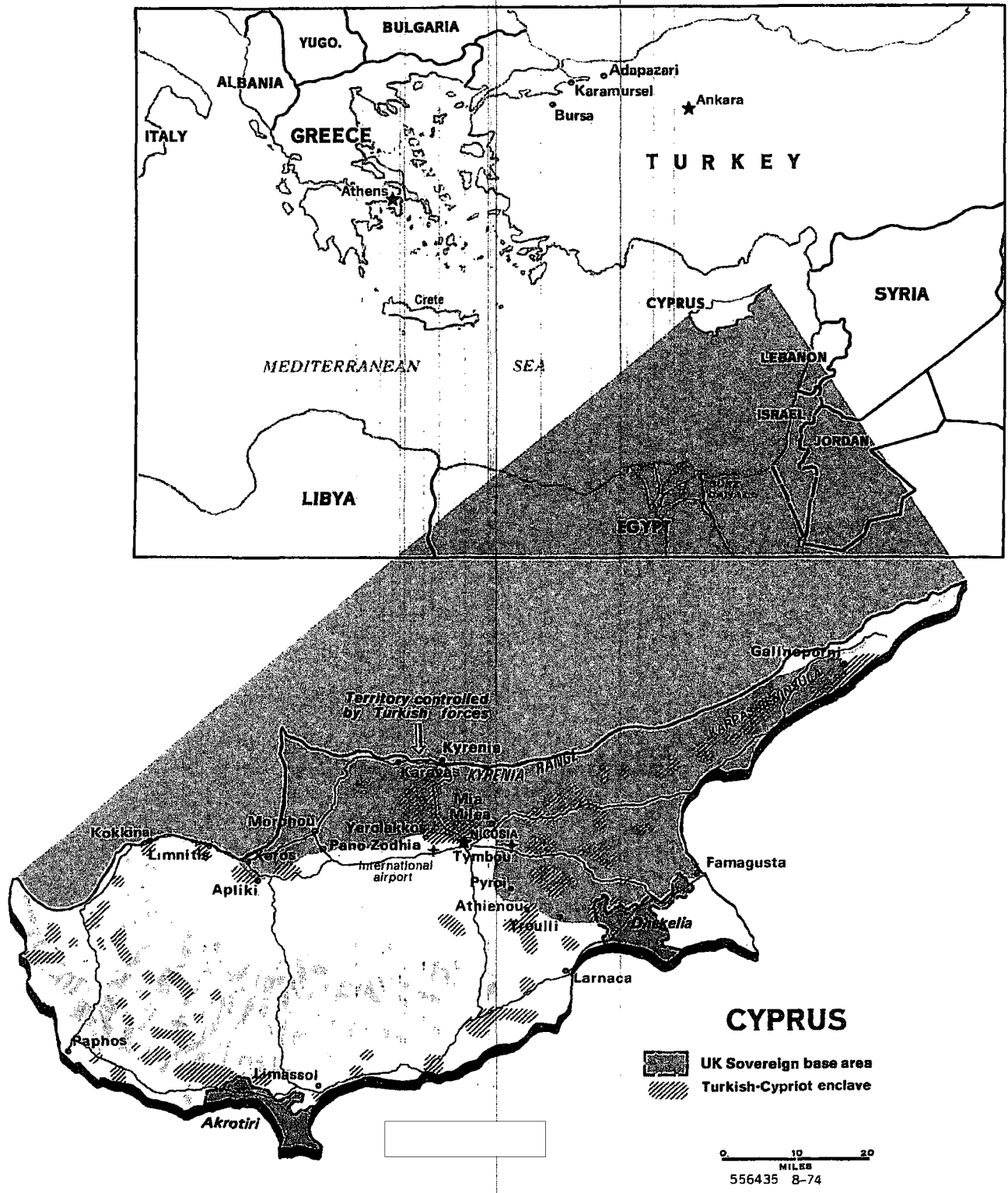
Military Situation

17. No reports of major cease-fire violations on Cyprus have been received today. There were, however,

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a few relatively minor clashes in Nicosia and around the Turkish enclave just west of Larnaca. We can not be certain, but the latter skirmish appears to have been between Cypriot forces and probably did not involve mainland Turkish troops.

18. The UN contingent patrolling Famagusta is continuing to ignore a Turkish order to withdraw from the area. An earlier order to the UN to abandon two outposts on the Karpas Peninsula was rescinded after an official protest was lodged with the Turks.

19. Reconnaissance flights from the USS Forrestal have not sighted any Greek or Turkish combatants in the area around Crete. There are no indications that the Greek troops deployed to Crete on commercial ferries over the weekend are being moved to Cyprus.

20. There has not been any further information on the large Turkish truck convoy which was reported on August 19 moving west on the Turkish mainland from Karamursal. The convoy was composed of at least 500 vehicles, some with troops in battle dress, instead of 500 troops as reported in our last situation report.

#### NATO-Greece

21. According to NATO Acting Secretary General Pansa, the Greek Ministry of Defense on August 20 instructed the Greek representative on the NATO military committee that a fifteen-day withdrawal notice for Greek military personnel at NATO will become operative on the date Athens actually issues the recall order. Pansa observed that the Greek officers at NATO have to date received only a readiness order. The Greek delay in issuing the recall order has provided some encouragement to NATO authorities that Athens will not withdraw from the NATO integrated military command.

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