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Greek Junta's Plans for Andreas Papandreu

1. CIA has no intelligence that the Greek junta is planning secretly to dispose of Andreas Papandreu. Following the protests from American interests during the first days after the 21 April coup, US Embassy reporting reflected assurances from members of the new government that political prisoners, including Andreas, would not be harmed. Also [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Prime Minister Kollias and Minister to the Prime Minister Papadopoulos have said that none of the four principal ASPIDA defendants would be executed. On 10 May Defense Minister Spandidakis pledged that Andreas would not be executed even if he were sentenced to death. On 31 May Interior Minister Pattakos was quoted as saying the regime had no idea of executing anyone.

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2. There is information to the effect that regardless of the outcome of Andreas' impending trial, the regime may attempt to deport him, perhaps to the US. A request of the US Embassy by Interior Minister Pattakos on 28 June as to the status of his US citizenship tends to confirm this interest.

3. That the junta desires to eliminate Andreas from the Greek political scene is unquestioned. Despite its obviously disastrous public relations efforts to date, capped most recently by the revocation of Greek actress Melina Mercouri's citizenship, we believe that there is some understanding in the junta as to the consequences, especially vis-a-vis its relations with the US, of summary action against Andreas. It should be noted, however, that if US-Greek relations sour during trial proceedings, the junta will probably be less responsive to American interests.

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