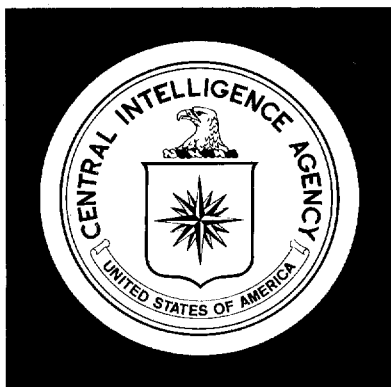


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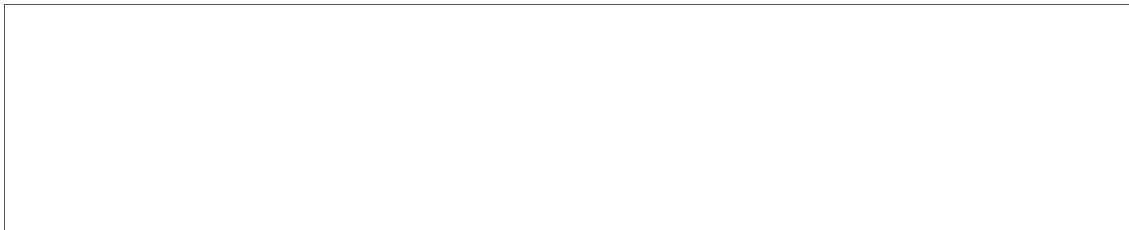
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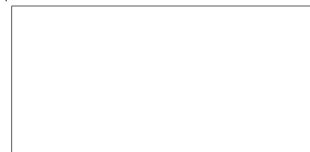
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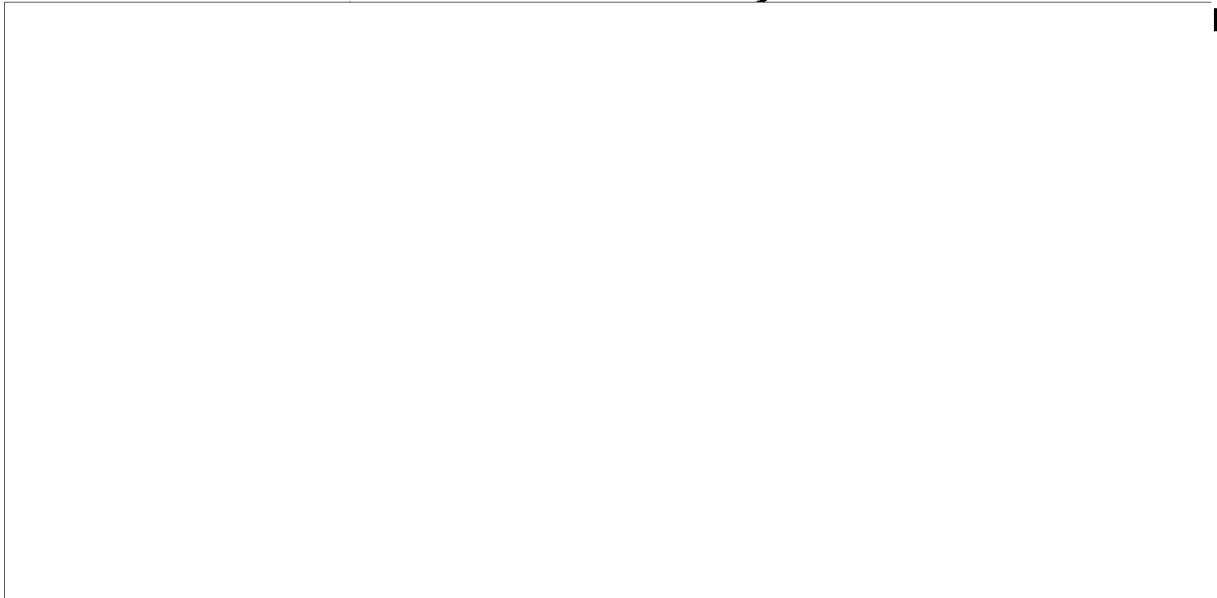
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GREECE: Prime Minister Papadopoulos apparently intends to follow up his decree abolishing the monarchy with a broad campaign to discredit opponents at home and abroad.

In his special broadcast yesterday, Papadopoulos castigated King Constantine for his alleged collaboration with the opposition. He professed that his government had not initially wanted to alter the form of government but that the monarchy had brought the change upon itself; earlier reporting indicates, however, that the regime has been planning action against the King for some months.

The Defense Ministry issued a statement following Papadopoulos' speech claiming to have proof of the King's and former prime minister Karamanlis' involvement in last week's abortive naval plot to overthrow the regime.

Papadopoulos, who declared himself "provisional president," promised to release to the public within a month appropriate amendments to the constitution and to hold a plebiscite on them within two months. He claimed that he will then set up machinery for a more thorough constitutional revision and conduct general elections by the end of 1974.

By acting against the monarchy Papadopoulos probably has bought time in which to deal with some of his more restive colleagues. Although some key army leaders have been wavering in their support of the Prime Minister, they are certain to back him in this latest power move. The army leaders, whose continued backing Papadopoulos needs, are united in their opposition to the King. Nevertheless, the changes advanced so far are largely irrelevant to the major problems with which the government has been wrestling, such as corruption, inefficiency, and student unrest. In the longer run, Papadopoulos could find himself in deeper trouble. [redacted]

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