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SUBJECT COMMENTS OF FORMER EOKA-B LEADER RETIRED MAJOR KAROUSOS ON HIS RETURN TO ATHENS

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1. IN MARCH 1974, FORMER EOKA-B LEADER MAJOR /RET./ GEORGIOS KAROUSOS COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS CONCERNING HIS PAST ACTIVITIES AND PRESENT SITUATION--

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A. KAROUSOS WENT TO CYPRUS TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE LT. GEN. /RET./ GEORGIOS GRIVAS IN EOKA-B PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF HIS /KAROUSOS'/ OPPOSITION TO THE REGIME OF GEORGIOS PAPA-DOPOULOS. COMMENT--KAROUSOS WAS IMPLICATED IN THE 13 DECEMBER 1967 ABORTIVE COUNTERCOUP OF KING CONSTANTINE AND WAS CASHIERED FROM THE GREEK ARMY AS A RESULT. / KAROUSOS HOPED EVENTUALLY TO PLAY AN ANTI-PAPADOPOULOS ROLE FROM CYPRUS. WITH THIS IN MIND, KAROUSOS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED A MODERATE LINE WITHIN EOKA-B AND SOUGHT TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN GRIVAS AND CYPRIOT PRESIDENT MAKARIOS.

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B. WHEN AFTER GRIVAS' DEATH KAROUSOS BECAME LEADER OF EOKA-B, THE REGIME WHICH HAD BEEN INSTALLED BY THE 25 NOVEMBER 1973

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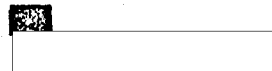
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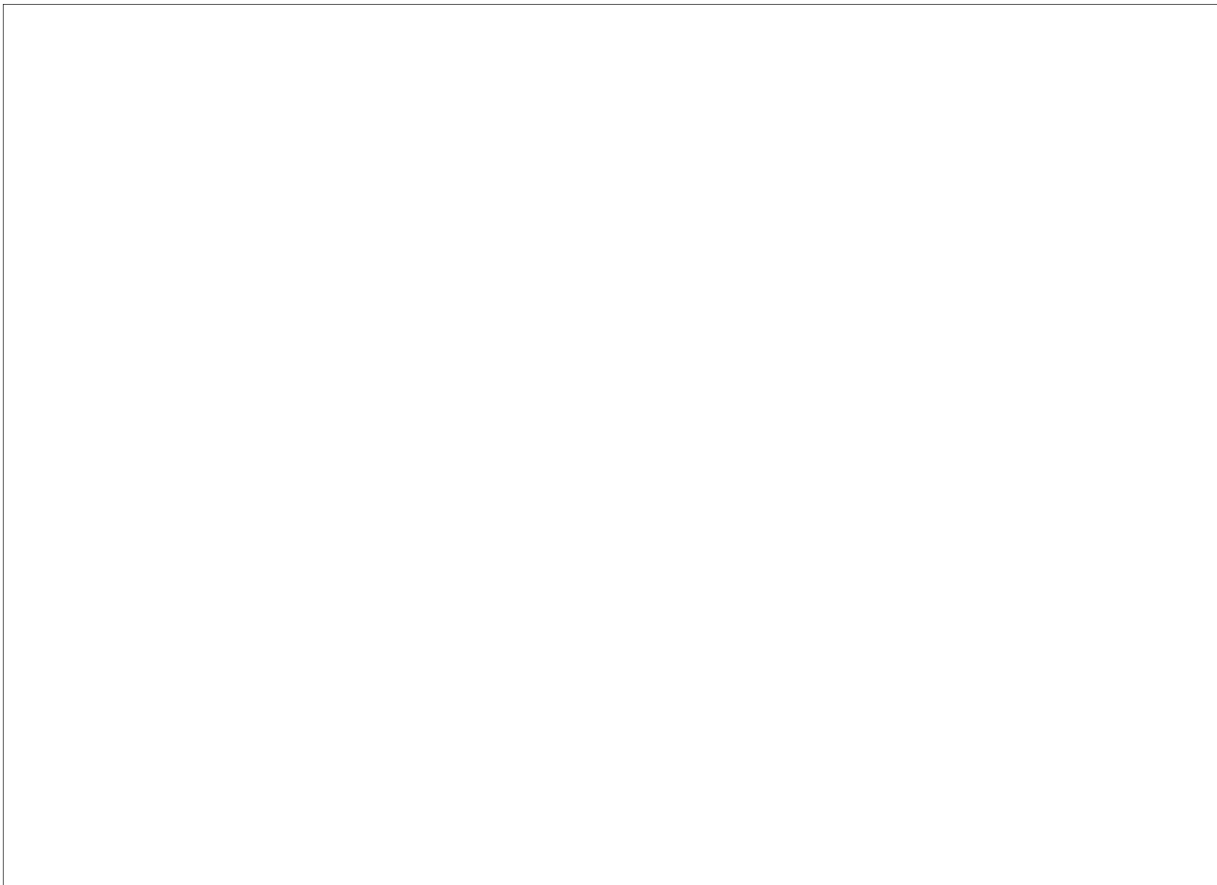
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COUP IN ATHENS IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT TO APPLY PRESSURE ON KAROUSOS IN ORDER TO GET DIRECT CONTROL OVER KAROUSOS AND THE EOKA-B. THE GREEK REGIME SENT ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO EOKA-B AND OTHERWISE MADE IT CLEAR TO KAROUSOS THAT HE WAS TO TAKE ORDERS FROM ATHENS.

C. KAROUSOS BALKED AT THE PRESSURE FROM ATHENS. RATHER THAN SUBMIT TO ATHENS' CONTROL, HE SECRETLY LEFT CYPRUS TOGETHER WITH A SMALL GROUP OF CLOSE SUPPORTERS ON A CAIQUE WHICH, AFTER A BRIEF STOP IN KASTELORIZON ISLAND /36-08N, 29-34E/, EVENTUALLY REACHED RHODES. ON RHODES THEY WERE MET BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DIMITRIOS I O A N N I D I S , THE STRONG MAN OF THE PRESENT GREEK REGIME, AND WERE ESCORTED TO ATHENS.



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