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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. President -

It would be helpful
if you signed this
Continuing Resolution tonight. -

By 10 A.M. we will
have some options on a
signing statement. -

- 1) Tough - favored by Henry
- 2) Medium - " " Ash
- 3) No statement " " Phil B.

Don



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date _____

TO:

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FROM:

JERRY H. JONES

*File -
Draft
Signing Statement
for Continuing
resolution -*

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SIGNING STATEMENT

I have signed, with serious reservations, the Continuing Resolution (H. J. Res. 1167) providing necessary funds after a three-week delay for the operation of several departments and agencies and for the temporary continuation of our foreign aid programs.

Despite two vetoes of similar versions of this bill and my public statements concerning the damage to our diplomacy that would result from its restrictions on military aid to Turkey, Congress has nevertheless persisted by clear majorities in a course which I consider ill-advised *and dangerous.*

The restrictions imposed in this bill on our military assistance to Turkey create serious problems. Without substantial benefit to any other country, these restrictions threaten our relations with a country which is a close ally, which is the eastern anchor of an alliance vital to the security of the United States, and which plays a fundamental role in the strategic interests of the United States in the Eastern Mediterranean area. It is for these reasons -- the national security interests of the United States -- that we have been providing military assistance to Turkey.



The problem created by these legislative restrictions with respect to our relations with Turkey are not compensated for in any way by benefits to Greece or the Greek Cypriots. ~~Despite the~~ ^{contrary to the} ~~good~~ intentions of the supporters of these restrictions, this bill can only hinder progress toward a settlement of the Cypriot dispute which is so much in the interest of both Greece and the people of Cyprus.

As a result of my vetoes of two earlier versions of this Continuing Resolution, the Congress has eased the most troublesome of the earlier restrictions. Nevertheless, the risks created by the remaining ones fail to provide compensating benefits. I will, of course, do my best to accomplish the goals which we had set before the Congress took this action. ~~But~~ ^{til} whatever we can ~~do~~ do to assist in resolving the Cyprus dispute will still be done. ~~Because of~~ ^{honest} ~~the action of Congress yesterday, our ability to play a meaningful part in these negotiations has been hampered.~~

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progress toward a settlement of the Cypriot dispute which is so much in the interest of Greece and the peoples of Cyprus.

As a result of my vetoes of two earlier versions of this Continuing Resolution, the Congress has eased the most troublesome of the earlier restrictions. Nevertheless, what remains is a barely tolerable burden involving grave risks and without compensating benefits. I will, of course, do my best to accomplish the goals which we had set ourselves before the Congress took this ill-advised action, but our ability to take useful action is very much in doubt. Whatever we can now do to assist the parties to a resolution of the Cyprus dispute will be done in spite of the actions of the Congress, ^{and} ~~and~~ if we fail despite our best efforts, those in the ^{remains the Congressional leadership} Congress who ~~forced this measure~~ must bear the full responsibility for that failure.



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