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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS ON
CONTINUING RESOLUTION VETO

TODAY, IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING THE
ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES, TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENTS
OF GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, I AM RETURNING TO THE
CONGRESS WITHOUT MY APPROVAL THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION
WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS AMENDED TO CUT OFF MILITARY AID
TO TURKEY.

IN SO DOING, I WANT TO CLEAR THE AIR OF A NUMBER OF
MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING THE U.S. POSITION TOWARD
THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE CRISIS OUR OBJECTIVES
HAVE BEEN: TO ESTABLISH A CEASEFIRE; *to provide humanitarian AID to the* TO ASSIST THE PARTIES *Refugees*
and a settlement TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS; AND TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE
OUR (HISTORICALLY ~~FR~~ENDLY) TIES WITH GREECE, TURKEY,
AND CYPRUS.

I HAVE DISCUSSED THESE GOALS WITH THE

The Congress

BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP OF ~~BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF~~

~~REPRESENTATIVES~~ AND HAVE RECEIVED THEIR UNANIMOUS AND

VIGOROUS SUPPORT.

OUR ABILITY TO PURSUE THESE GOALS DEPENDS,
HOWEVER, ON BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE CUTOFF
OF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IS DESTRUCTIVE OF THAT RELATIONSHIP.

FURTHER, IT IN NO WAY HELPS THE GREEK PEOPLE
OR THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH IN
THE PAST MONTHS. IN FACT, BY DASHING HOPES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS IT PROLONGS THEIR SUFFERING.

WE RECOGNIZE CLEARLY THE NEED TO INSURE THAT
THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF THE GREEK PEOPLE ARE MAINTAINED.

WE SEEK A SETTLEMENT WHICH INSURES THAT FUNDAMENTAL
REQUIREMENT.

UNITED STATES' FRIENDSHIP WITH GREECE

HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH GENERATIONS OF COOPERATION
AND MUTUAL RESPECT BASED ON SHARED VALUES AND COMMON
GOALS. I INTEND FIRMLY TO CARRY ON AND STRENGTHEN THAT
RELATIONSHIP.

I CANNOT, HOWEVER, CARRY OUT THIS PLEDGE
IF MY ABILITY TO ACT IN THE CURRENT CRISIS IS ~~VITIATED~~ *undercut*
BY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE CONGRESS.

WE ALL SEEK A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS
PROBLEM. WE ALL SEEK JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS.

WE ALL SEEK TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH AND COOPERATION
a cornerstone
IN OUR RELATIONS THAT IS ~~KEY~~ TO WESTERN SECURITY IN
THE MEDITERRANEAN.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT I RETURN THIS
RESOLUTION TO THE CONGRESS AND ASK IT TO THOUGHTFULLY
RECONSIDER ITS POSITION, ' I PLEDGE TO CONTINUE WORKING
CLOSELY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CONGRESS TO ENABLE THE
UNITED STATES TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN HELPING THE PARTIES
TOWARD A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE.

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*I am not signing my Veto Message
which will be delivered to the Congress.*