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9/24/74

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the President:

To: Bill Tompkins & Hon. Secours

Date: _____ Time _____ a.m.
p.m.

9/24/74 - 11:45

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D-NY); and
Rep. Pierre S. duPont (R-Del)

WHEN: Call must be made this morning.

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons *BT*

PURPOSE: To urge them not to offer Turkish aid
~~cut~~ cut -off on the Continuing Resolution.

BACKGROUND:

1. The Appropriations Committee today has a Continuing Resolution on the House Floor to keep federal programs funded until sine die adjournment.
2. Ben Rosenthal and Pete duPont are co-sponsoring an amendment to cut off all U.S. aid to Turkey until the President "certifies an agreement has been reached regarding the presence of military forces in Cyprus which is acceptable to all parties concerned."
3. Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind) is the moving force behind this amendment but because of his Greek heritage and leadership post (deputy Whip) he is not offering the motion.

TALKING POINTS:

1. Ben (Pete): I'm calling to ask that you not go forward with your amendment to the Continuing Resolution which would cut off aid to Turkey.

2. First of all, I think Continuing Resolutions are not vehicles for substantive restrictions on government programs. After all, this measure only continues funding until sine die adjournment and you'll have another opportunity on the Foreign Aid legislation later.
3. But much more important is what this amendment might do to our delicate negotiations with Greece and Turkey. We are near a reasonable settlement which I hope will be supported by all parties.
4. The Turks feel they are not at fault over the Cyprus issue and an act by Congress would be a slap in their face and could destroy our efforts. Frankly, timing just couldn't be worse from a foreign policy standpoint.
5. Can you hold off until the Foreign Aid bill comes up?

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September 24, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
BILL TIMMONS

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES

The attached telephone call recommendation was returned in the President's outbox with the following comment directed to both of you:

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cc: Al Haig