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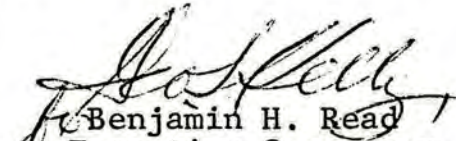
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Message to the President from  
King Constantine

The enclosed telegram from Embassy Athens transmits King Constantine's message of thanks to the President for the King's luncheon visit at the White House on September 11 and responds to the President's farewell message of September 12. We recommend that no reply be sent.

  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM KING  
CONSTANTINE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT:

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I THANK YOU FOR THE WARM  
MESSAGE YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO SEND ME ON MY WAY HOME.  
YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS ARE A GREAT CONFORT AND MORAL SUPPORT  
TO MYSELF AND TO MY PEOPLE IN FACING THE PROBLEMS THAT LIE  
AHEAD.

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3. THE SYMPATHETIC INTEREST OF YOUR SELF PERSONALLY AND OF  
YOUR GREAT COUNTRY TOWARDS GREECE HAS NEVER BEEN IN DOUBT.  
I HOPE AND PRAY IT WILL CONTINUE UNDIMINISHED, BECAUSE TODAY  
MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME WE NEED YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND  
YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

4. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EXAMPLE  
TO THE WORLD OF A DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE AND OF SUPREME  
DEDICATION TO NOBLE AIMS, AND IT IS OUR COMMON DEVOTION TO  
THESE HIGH IDEALS THAT HAS BEEN THE STRONGEST LINK BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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5. IT GAVE ME GREAT PLEASURE, MR. PRESIDENT, TO MEET YOU,  
AND MY WIFE JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU AND MRS. JOHNSON OUR  
WARMEST GREETINGS AND BEST REGARDS. YOURS SINCERELY,  
CONSTANTINE R UNQUOTE

6. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DELIVERED.

7. AMBASSADOR PAPAGOS SAYS KING DOES NOT PROPOSE PUBLISH THIS  
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TO JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT: AMERICAN AIRLINES, GATE #6

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HIS MAJESTY

KING CONSTANTINE OF THE HELLENES

C/O U.S. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL

AMERICAN AIRLINES, GATE #6

JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT

NEW YORK

FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

QTE: YOUR MAJESTY:

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO HAVE RECEIVED YOU. OUR  
MEETING REAFFIRMED THE TIES WHICH HAVE LONG KEPT OUR TWO PEOPLES

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HISTORIC BONDS WILL REMAIN SOLID.

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OUR CONVERSATION, ALTHOUGH BRIEF, WAS VALUABLE. IT HAS MADE CLEARER TO US THE PROBLEMS FACING GREECE. IT WAS REASSURING TO HEAR YOU EXPRESS YOUR INTENTION THAT GREECE RETURN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE PATH OF DEMOCRACY, A PATH THAT OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE HISTORICALLY TRAVELED. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORT THIS OBJECTIVE OF RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALISM AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, WHICH ARE THE MAINSTAYS OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW YOU PERSONALLY. IT IS REASSURING TO KNOW THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GREAT HELLENIC PEOPLE IS IN SUCH DEDICATED HANDS.

THE BEST WISHES OF MRS. JOHNSON AND MYSELF GO OUT TO YOU AND TO QUEEN ANNE-NARIE ON YOUR JOURNEY HERE. SINCERELY,  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE RUSK

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Monday, September 11, 1967 -- 10:50 a.m.

Mr. President:

Attached is an evidently well-organized set of telegrams urging you not to relent on military aid to Greece, on the occasion of the King's lunch with you today. The signers are:

Melina Mercouri, Long Island, New York  
Jules Dassin, Long Island, New York  
Theodore Stathis, Executive Secretary, American Committee for  
Democracy and Freedom in Greece, New York  
Greek Swedish Committee for Democracy in Greece and  
Swedish Greek Association and The Greek Students Association  
in Sweden, Stockholm  
Several Members of Parliament and organizations, Stockholm  
Paul Claudato, New York  
Aliki and Paul Nord, New York  
800 Members of Minnesotans for Democracy and Freedom in Greece,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
A. Vassiliades, Chevy Chase, Maryland  
Amnesty International of the USA, Chevy Chase, Maryland  
Council for Democracy in Greece (Irvington, N.Y.), Chevy Chase, Md.  
D. J. Kostas, Chevy Chase, Maryland  
Helen Gogo, Trenton, New Jersey  
Stephanie Gersten, New York  
A. Gregoriades, New York  
Professor K. Goulianos, Princeton University  
Judith Alwin, Minneapolis, Minn.

W. W. Rostow

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September 9, 1967

SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL TOAST -Luncheon for King Constantine of Greece

Your Majesty, Gentlemen:

I am always happy to greet old friends in this house. Today I do so in a special sense. Your Majesty is the leader of a people with whom we enjoy a long history of close friendship and alliance.

But the Greeks and their brave young King are something more than friends and allies. Greece holds a unique place in the hearts of all Americans. As the birthplace of democracy, ancient Greece gave mankind its most cherished ideals of political and intellectual liberty. It was upon these ideals that our own government was founded. Our devotion to them --at home and throughout the world-- is stronger than ever.

In recent years, of course, Greece and the United States have joined in a true partnership for freedom. I think it is fitting that Your Majesty is visiting us just one generation since that memorable day in 1947 --when President Harry Truman set forth the historic doctrine that bears his name.



Freedom, liberty, justice ---since his school days, every  
American ~~associates~~ associates these with the name of Greece. In the final  
reckoning, Your Majesty, that is what we are all about.

That is also why the American people are so interested in what  
happens in your country. We wish very much for the well being of  
the Greek people. We are concerned that they enjoy fully the  
benefits of the democratic system their forefathers created.

Your Majesty will remember that I had the pleasure of visiting  
Greece in 1962. I met many of your people. I was deeply moved by  
their great spirit and vitality. We are proud to have such people  
at our side. And after our talk today, I am more than ever encouraged  
that Greece has Your Majesty as its leader. History has given us  
many examples of a crown not fitting a young head. In your case,  
Your Majesty, I think of what Shakespeare said of Lear: "Ay, every  
inch a King."

Gentlemen, I ask you to join me in a toast to a distinguished  
leader of a great people --His Majesty, King Constantine of Greece.



September 8, 1967

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VISIT OF KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECESeptember 11, 1967SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL TOAST -- WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON

Your Majesty, Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasure to receive among us the leader of a people with whom we have had a long history of close friendship and alliance.

Greece holds a special place in the hearts of all Americans. As the birthplace of democracy, ancient Greece fostered the concept of political liberty which has provided an example to free peoples down through the ages. Our own forefathers were steeped in the history and philosophy of ancient Greece, and it was upon this unequalled richness of thought that they drew in creating the historic documents which form the foundation of our political system today.

In more recent years, Greece and the United States have joined together in a partnership for freedom. It is fitting, I think, that Your Majesty is visiting us



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just one generation since that <sup>memorable</sup> ~~historic~~ day in 1947 when President Harry Truman appeared before the American Congress to set forth the historic doctrine which bears his name.

It is because of these ties and connections that the American people are so interested in what goes on in Greece. They wish fervently for the well-being of the Greek people, in the full enjoyment of the benefits of the democratic system which since his school-days every American associates with the name of Greece.

Your Majesty, I had the great pleasure of visiting your country in 1962. I met many of your people. I was deeply impressed by their tremendous spirit, by their vitality, and by their industriousness. We are proud to have such people as our allies, and I salute you as their representative and leader.

Your devotion to the cause of liberty serves as a symbol to your people. We in the United States are confident that you will continue to lead your people in the great tradition of Greece.



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Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to join me in a toast to the distinguished leader of a great people, His Majesty King Constantine of Greece.

Drafted by:	NEA - Mr. Owens
	NEA - Mr. Rockwell
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S/S-S:RGHoudek, Rm. 7237, Ext. 4155	

September 8, 1967

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VISIT OF KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECE

September 11, 1967

Suggested Farewell Telegram

Your Majesty:

It has been an honor and privilege to know you. Our meeting reaffirmed the existing close relations between our two peoples. I know that, whatever difficulties may temporarily intervene, these historic ties of friendship will remain solid to sustain us.

I believe that our conversation, although brief, was very valuable. It has made clearer to us the problems facing Greece. It has also been extremely reassuring to have heard you express the wish and intention that Greece return as quickly as possible to the path of democracy, a path that our two peoples have historically traveled. You may be sure that the people and government of the United States fully support this objective of a return to constitutionalism and representative government, which are the mainstays of democratic society.

It was a great pleasure to know you personally. It is reassuring to know that the leadership of the great Hellenic people is in such dedicated hands.

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The best wishes of Mrs. Johnson and myself go out  
to you and to Queen Anne-Marie on your journey home.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

*Intelligence*  
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September 8, 1967

To : The Secretary  
 Through: S/S  
 From : INR - George C. Denney, Jr. *A.C.D.*  
 Subject: Short-term Prospects for Greece

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 E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5  
 State Dept. Guidelines  
 By *cb*, NARA, Date *5-4-98*

The military government, after four months in power, is approaching a critical turning point. Before the end of this year, it must either move toward the restoration of parliamentary government or face a rising tide of civil strife if this movement is not forthcoming. Various factors suggest ways of heading off widespread violence, but the prospects for the internal situation are not encouraging.

The Position of the Junta

The next four months in Greece loom as a period of increased tension, mounting economic difficulties, and general discontent which could prompt the junta to take even more stringent security measures than it has to date. Public unease has increased as a result of fear that Greece has entered a prolonged period of military dictatorship. Open resistance is as yet neither widespread nor violent, but the public is fundamentally hostile to the regime. Disenchantment reportedly is spreading from the unemployed politicians to other significant groups, including the business community which initially was inclined to support the junta.

The way out of this downward spiral lies in the restoration of parliamentary government. There is considerable internal and external pressure on the junta to withdraw rapidly from the center of the political stage, and it has promised an early return to representative government. But here the junta faces a major dilemma: it wants to remain in power as long as possible, for its "mission" to "purify"

Greece would require at least a generation to fulfill. In addition, the leaders

of the junta are reportedly under pressure

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From junior, "extremist" officers to pursue the "revolution" more aggressively and to go slow on the return to constitutionalism on grounds that Greece is not ready for it. These officers would push for greater authority if the present leadership faltered. This development is not expected in the near future, but the existence of tension within the junta, its lack of public support, and the mounting difficulties of governing Greece through vapid civilian ministers and inexperienced officers add to the general unease and the junta's frustration.

For the moment, however, the junta appears firmly in the saddle. Yet instead of moving ahead rapidly with a coherent program of action to implement its revolutionary ideals, the regime is bogged down in trivia and self-justifying rhetoric. It is chauvinist, driven by anti-communism and a diffuse reforming zeal, resentful of wealth, and distrustful of politicians and parliamentary institutions. Decision making is sporadic and the junta gives the impression of lacking self-confidence and of straining to be taken seriously.

The Role of the King. The major focus of attention during the past four months has been the position of King Constantine. Of particular concern to the junta is the possibility of a collision with the Palace-led conservative establishment which has staked its future on an early return to constitutionalism, despite its own distrust of democratic institutions and its fears of a liberal resurgence under a parliamentary government. The King is supported by loyal army units and other officers who view him as a counterweight to the junta (which they detest), by a small number of ultra-royalist civilians, and by certain vested economic interests who feel more secure under a government

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dominated by the King than under the junta or liberal politicians. At the same time, the King feels particularly vulnerable on two counts: (1) the junta does not need him, although it makes every effort to demonstrate that it has the King's support, and (2) through its control of the process of military reassignment and retirement, the junta could strip the King of his military supporters. The King is attempting to resist the erosion of his limited base of support, but he is afraid of failure. Moreover, he probably would prefer the junta, despite his doubts about the value of its professions of loyalty to the King, to another democratic experiment under a strong executive which might curb his authority.

The "American Factor". The junta clearly enjoys the advantage over the King in this balance, but the calculation of tangible power factors is upset by the permanent intangible of Greek politics -- the "American factor." The Greeks, including the junta, believe that the US prefers Constantine to the junta, and might back him should a confrontation arise. The King shares the belief that the US favors him, but is afraid that the US moral support may not offset the tangible advantages of the junta. Also, he may be concerned that US support is aimed primarily at restoring constitutional government and only secondarily at helping the King. The King probably realizes that he is not a rallying point for Greeks in opposition to the junta unless the "American Factor" were clearly being exercised on his behalf for the specific purpose of revamping Greece's parliamentary institutions.

During his Washington visit on September 11, the King will hope to receive firm assurances of US support as a reward for his efforts to moderate the junta's excesses, to reduce the military complexion of the government and to influence it



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toward constitutional government. His presentation will probably be cast in terms of lifting the suspension of various items of US military assistance to keep the junta from becoming more extremist and to preserve his influence within the armed forces, but in fact, he will be looking for a US pledge to protect the monarchy in a confrontation with the junta or with a subsequent strong transitional government. US support for movement toward parliamentary government in which the Palace's role would be circumscribed is certainly not on his shopping list.

The Paths from The Crossroads. Against this backdrop, which threatens to uncap a Pandora's box of troubles, two phases of political development, with variations, can be identified:

1) The junta collapses as a result of internal strains and public resistance resulting from an attempt to carry on without producing the constitution it has promised for November 1967. Suspicion is already widespread in Greece that there will be considerable slippage in the timetable for the restoration of parliamentary government, and the junta, in an effort to remain in power, may well stall as long as it can on grounds that Greece is not yet "ready" for a return to constitutionalism. Tensions would rise dramatically if the junta pushed along as it is doing now, and resistance would grow. The junta has no support but its own military resources, it is already facing economic difficulties, and it has become increasingly sensitive to pressure from the US and Western Europe. The junta might try to prolong the process of drafting the constitution without rejecting the goal of parliamentary government. Even this approach, however, would spell trouble, and the junta probably could not stand the strains engendered by a massive campaign of resistance and repression.

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The likely successor, should the junta collapse, would be a conservative "transitional government" to head off a Communist-led resistance movement. <sup>Former</sup> /Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis, now in self-imposed exile in Paris, is most often mentioned as the leader of such a government. He is privately committed to heading a transitional regime and is prepared to be summoned as a national figure able to play a heroic role in a time of trouble. Karamanlis, as an alternative to the junta, would have the support of at least half of the electorate, and his government presumably would guide the country through the plebiscite and elections. The Center Union would probably be prepared to accept such an arrangement as a way out of the current troubles. The Palace, which distrusts strong prime ministers, would have to swallow a bitter pill in the case of Karamanlis, who would endeavor to keep the Palace out of political affairs. Popular resistance would not be anticipated during the two years or more that a transitional government could reasonably be expected to hold power while it repaired the damage done by the junta.

2) The junta produces a constitution on schedule and gives way to a transitional government. If the constitution should be generally acceptable, and the junta were prepared to implement it, the transitional government would take over without difficulty. The junta presumably would retire to the wings, retaining a voice in the government and protected by it from retribution. If as seems likely, however, the new constitution is designed to give the junta a major role in public affairs, it would be unacceptable to the mass of voters, whether of the left, right, or center. The end result would be much the same as not producing a constitution at all.



The prospects remain rather dim that civil strife can be entirely avoided. The widespread concern in and out of Greece over such a possibility, however, suggests that the junta eventually can be brought around to accept a transitional government, for which a consensus appears to be developing. The junta's numerous promises of a new constitution in November, followed by a plebiscite and elections, as well as the Andreas Papandreou affair, tend to keep opinion, international and domestic, fixed on the antics of the junta. This attention tends to strap the junta more tightly to a timetable of its own devising, and the readiness of outsiders to comment on and interfere in affairs which the junta regards as strictly matters of internal concern may bring home to the junta that it does not operate in a vacuum.

In these circumstances, however, a strong US position between now and the end of the year in support of an acceptable constitution and representative government could be decisive. It would give hope to the Greek people, frighten the junta, and frustrate the Communist controlled left by depriving it of the issue that the US was supporting a "fascist dictatorship." The strength of such a US action would be diluted if expressed through the King, whose commitment to representative government is known at home to be weak.

Faced with mounting internal difficulties and external pressure, the junta does not now seem willing to accept a face-saving way out of its various dilemmas. Ultimately, however, it may become grateful for an opportunity to lay down the burdens of direct involvement in the governing process.

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August 25, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Abell

SUBJECT: Guest List for King Constantine Lunch

The President has agreed to host a small working lunch on 11 September for King Constantine. When we put this to him initially, we recommended a small Tuesday-lunch size group patterned on the lunch he had for King Hussein. State Department plans to recommend a state visit for the King and Queen next spring, and the President understood that this informal call would not take the place of that. The King faces serious political problems this fall and may ask for our help in solving them. We thought this would be an excellent chance for the President and Secretaries Rusk and McNamara to hear him out and make their own judgments.

As you'll see from the attached, State recommends the following on our side besides the President: Secretary Rusk (or Katzenbach), Secretary McNamara, Luke Battle and Walt Rostow. Phil Talbot would be on their list, too, if he comes back, but we don't know his plans yet.

I recommend adding the Vice President because emotions run high on the Hill and in the Greek community on this subject. George Christian is optional, but I would definitely not include Dick Helms, because any CIA connotation at this point would be disastrous.

I had thought of including a few interested members of Congress, but it looks now as if they may invite him to tea. So I vote for keeping this a small Executive Branch session for serious talk.

You'll find the three probable Greek guests on State's memo. We've specifically arranged for the Queen not to come to Washington, since the King asked for the appointment on an in-and-out-of-Washington-the-same-day basis. Her presence would get us into ceremony not intended. We do not plan any arrival ceremony or formal statements or toasts.

Harold H. Saunders

cc: Carol Farrar

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Guest List for President's Working  
Luncheon for King Constantine, September 11

There is enclosed a proposed guest list for President Johnson's working luncheon with King Constantine on September 11. As far as we now know, the King will be bringing with him only Marshal of the Court, Ambassador Papagos. Ambassador Papagos' name has therefore been included on the luncheon list. The President met Ambassador Papagos in Greece in 1962. Ambassador Papagos was the official Greek escort for President Johnson (then Vice President) when he stopped in Greece.

George Kelly  
for

John P. Walsh  
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Guest List

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PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR PRESIDENT'S WORKING  
LUNCHEON FOR KING CONSTANTINE  
September 11

King Constantine

Alcibiades C. Papadopoulos, Charge d'Affaires of the  
Greek Embassy

Leonidas Papagos, Grand Marshal of the Greek Court

The Secretary of State (or The Under Secretary)

The Secretary of Defense

Lucius D. Battle, Assistant Secretary of State for  
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs

Walt W. Rostow, Special Assistant to the President





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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 23, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of King Constantine of  
Greece: Press Background  
Information

Enclosed is Press Background Informa-  
tion to be used in connection with the  
White House announcement on August 23 of  
King Constantine's visit.

*Carroll Braun*  
for John P. Walsh  
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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## KING CONSTANTINE

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On September 18, 1964, Constantine married Princess Anne-Marie of Denmark. They have two children, a daughter, Alexia, born July 10, 1965, and a son, Paul, heir to the throne, born May 20, 1967.

When President Johnson visited Greece in 1962, he did not meet King Constantine, (then Crown Prince), as he was out of the country.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH GEORGE CHRISTIAN

11:05 A.M. EDT

AUGUST 23, 1967

WEDNESDAY

MR. CHRISTIAN: The President is pleased that the visit of King Constantine of Greece to Canada makes it possible for him to stop over in the United States. Arrangements are being made for His Majesty to have a private meeting with the President. The date will be announced when set.

For your BACKGROUND, we understand that King Constantine is planning to leave Athens tomorrow morning. For your further BACKGROUND, the King is 27. He has occupied the Greek throne since March 6, 1964, succeeding on the death of his father, King Paul. In 1959 he toured military installations in the United States.

The King was educated at the Greek Military Academy and holds commissions in all three Greek Armed Services. While he was here in 1959, he also attended a U.S. sponsored course in parachute training and guerrilla warfare.

I do not believe that he and the President have ever met. The President was in Greece in 1962 when he was Vice President, but did not see King Constantine at that time.

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Q George, how long does he plan to be in Canada, and what is his purpose; Expo?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I do not know how long he will be here yet. I will have to give you that as we have it. I believe, on BACKGROUND, that the meeting will be after Labor Day.

Q Is he going to Canada first?

MR. CHRISTIAN: Yes.

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MR. CHRISTIAN: Yes.

Q What is he going to Canada for, George?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I am not fully aware of everything he is going to do.

Q Expo?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I believe that is part of it, but I am not sure.

Q Is the Queen coming?

Q No.

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MR. CHRISTIAN: I don't know.

Q What is the United States present relationship with Greece since the coup, the military junta? Has there been any change since the military junta?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I don't believe I will go into that this morning. We have diplomatic relations with Greece.

Q Is there any military aid going over there?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I am not advised of the present situation.

We have one addition to the schedule today. There will be a second meeting with the Shah at 5:30 this afternoon. After that meeting, we will probably have a joint statement on the visit.

Al Spivak asked me to notify you that the Advisory Panel on Insurance in Riot Affected Areas is having its first meeting at two o'clock today. This is a closed meeting, but it is tentatively expected that Governor Hughes of New Jersey, who is chairman of the panel, will have a statement about the meeting afterward.

Q This panel is not composed of some of the same people who are on the Commission; is that right?

MR. CHRISTIAN: That is right.

Q Where will he make that statement?

MR. CHRISTIAN: This will be in the Indian Treaty Room, around 4:00 or 4:30, probably right after the briefing here. Reporters will be permitted in the EOB with regular press credentials.

Q Is the full Commission meeting this morning?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I don't believe so.

Q Is there any prospect of our seeing the chairman and the vice chairman of the Commission today?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I don't know. You might touch base with Mr. Spivak.

Q George, can you shed any light on why we are getting a communique and why there is a second meeting with the Shah?



MR. CHRISTIAN: It is not a communique. It is a joint statement on the meeting. The Shah requested the second meeting with the President.

Q Can you give us any fill in on what seemed to be a rather lengthy conference between the President and the Shah yesterday?

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Q Did the President meet with the Congressional leadership today?

MR. CHRISTIAN: At breakfast this morning.

Q Did he meet with Bundy?

MR. CHRISTIAN: Yes.

Q What did they meet about?

MR. CHRISTIAN: The Middle East.

Q Was the Bundy committee winding up its work by chance?

MR. CHRISTIAN: No, ma'm.

Q Can you give us anything at all on the Bundy meeting?

MR. CHRISTIAN: No.

Q Was Bundy here when the President met with the Shah yesterday?

MR. CHRISTIAN: No. The President and the Shah met privately.

Q George, is there anything on this meeting with Stanford Smith of the ANPA?

MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Smith was delayed by weather. He came late and has not yet seen the President. I will ask Mr. Smith if there is anything.

Q Is Mr. Bundy's meeting related to the Shah's visit in that they are both discussing the Middle East?

MR. CHRISTIAN: I can't answer that. Mr. Bundy's meeting was on the Middle East situation and, of course, the Shah and the President have discussed that.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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AT 11:15 A.M. EDT



August 22, 1967

Note for Mr. Christian:

George -

Here is the background  
on King Constantine for you  
to use in connection with your  
announcement tomorrow morning.

Hal Saunders

CC: Carol Farrar

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August 22, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: George Christian

SUBJECT: Announcing Greek King's Visit

We would like to announce before King Constantine leaves Athens Thursday morning that he will see you during his private trip to the U. S. and Canada. The press has begun to badger George about this. We held off until after Senator Clark's speech yesterday. But while Clark lambasted the military regime, he spoke of the King as "a unifying force which offers the best hope of restoring some semblance of political stability and order." The danger of flak from that quarter seems to have passed for the moment.

Therefore, we would let the Greeks announce tomorrow afternoon their time and ask George to issue the following tomorrow morning:

"The President is pleased that the visit of King Constantine of Greece to Canada makes it possible for him to stop over in the United States. Arrangements are being made for His Majesty to have a private meeting with the President. The date will be announced when set."

Since we're trying to keep this low-key, we'd prefer to put out the date (September 11) later. If pressed, George could well say it will probably be after Labor Day.

If you approve, we will get a cable out tonight.

Harold H. Saunders

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August 15, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dick Moose


SUBJECT: Re-check on Press Guidance for King Constantine

UPI ran a piece yesterday afternoon quoting "authoritative sources" in Athens as saying the King would see the President. So George may get more questions today.

We checked with Ambassador Talbot overnight and think the following line should stand for the next couple of days:

We understand that the King will visit EXPO, but no details of that travel have been announced. Further questions on the King's plans should be directed to the Palace in Athens.

FYI: Talbot sees the King Wednesday night to work out details of press handling, so by the end of the week or early next we may have to announce. But we'll want the King's views first.

  
Hal Saunders



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August 14, 1967


MEMORANDUM FOR: Dick Moose

SUBJECT: Press Guidance on King Constantine's Visit

Now that we have agreed in principle that the President will have the King to lunch on 11 September, we need a little time to work out the details in Athens. King Constantine has not yet announced his trip to Canada, so we don't want to be ahead of the game in talking about the King's visit to Washington.

I think Phil Talbot's formula for handling press queries ought to hold us for a while. He suggests that responses for the time being not go beyond stating that no official visit to the U. S. is contemplated at this time. If questions are raised about plans for transit or for a private visit, questioners should be referred to the King himself.

In addition to letting the King manage the timing of his own announcement, our reason for avoiding publicity at the moment is to preclude some of his colonels climbing on the plane and coming to the lunch with him. I suppose there will be leaks of the King's plans in Athens soon; but until we get release plans squared away there, I should think we ought to be able to make the above formula hold for the moment.

  
Hal Saunders

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The President plans to meet privately with His Majesty King Constantine of Greece on Monday, September 11, at 12:30 p. m. His Majesty and the President will lunch together following the meeting.

(On August 23 the Press Office made the following preliminary announcement: The President is pleased that the visit of King Constantine of Greece to Canada makes it possible for him to stop over in the United States. Arrangements are being made for His Majesty to have a private meeting with the President. The date will be announced when set.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR WALT ROSTOW

ATTENTION: DICK MOOSE

Per our phone conversation this morning, I am marking a 30 minute meeting in the President's office at 12:30 p.m. Monday, September 11, and a 1:00 p.m. working luncheon for King Constantine of Greece.

Will you have Dick Moose work with Bess Abell as to who will attend the working luncheon.

Hal will  
keep in touch.  
Dick work event

  
James R. Jones

## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Friday, August 4, 1967

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Greek King's Visit

King Constantine will be passing through the United States informally on his way to and from EXPO 67. He has asked whether it would be possible to call on you.

We had planned inviting him for a State visit next spring and Secretary Rusk still believes we should stick to that scheme. However, since he will be here and since this fall will be a tricky political period in Greece, the Secretary recommends that you have a small working lunch with no other ceremonies, much on the order of your lunch for King Hussein.

As Phil Talbot told you, the King faces a period of trying to keep the military regime from tightening its grip and gradually ease it out in favor of return to civilian government. The outcome of this process is by no means certain, and it would be worth your hearing the King's side of the story. As you know, the Greek coup has excited a large number of our Congressional liberals, and the question of sustaining our NATO relationship with Greece via military aid is increasingly sensitive on the Hill.

The date that best fits both your and the King's schedule is September 11, although this is a Monday.

If you agree in principle to see him, but find this date unacceptable, we would like your approval to seek another mutually convenient date.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 2, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Visit of King Constantine of Greece

Recommendation:

I suggest that you receive King Constantine of Greece for a working luncheon on any of the dates listed below. The King is coming to the United States on a private visit in late August prior to visiting EXPO 67, and will return to the United States briefly in September.

August 25	Approve _____	Disapprove _____
September 11	Approve _____	Disapprove _____
September 13	Approve _____	Disapprove _____

Discussion:

In cooperation with us, King Constantine has been exerting his influence to persuade the Greek government which came to power in the April 21 coup to move towards a return to constitutionalism. He has had some limited success, including obtaining the coup leaders' assent to the establishment of a committee to revise the constitution and ultimately to submit it to the Greek people in a plebiscite. However, his relationship to the coup leaders remains tenuous.

We have already recommended a State visit for King Constantine for the spring of 1968, and believe that such a visit should be held. However, I think it would be useful as well for you to talk to the King at this time, since it would serve our purpose of strengthening the King's efforts to return Greece to democratic processes. If it is convenient to your schedule, I recommend that you receive the King for a working luncheon on one of the dates set forth above.

*Dean Rusk*

Dean Rusk

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Dick:

BKS received a call from Bess  
Abell relaying the following:

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a dinner for the Holts -- if it  
did not conflict. Mentioned to  
Jordan and spoke to Jeanne Davis.  
JJ's ofc tells me nothing on the  
evening of the 1st and they were  
aware of possible dinner for Holt.

She would also like to have one for  
Greece and Colombia.

President approved seeing King  
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1. PRIOR DEPARTURE TODAY KING EXPRESSED REGRET AND CONCERN THAT NO REPLY YET RECEIVED FROM TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO GREEK PROPOSAL FOR PRIME MINISTERIAL MEETING VERY NEAR FUTURE. I HAD HOPED, AND HAD CONVEYED THIS TO GOT, THAT PRIME MINISTERS COULD MEET BEFORE NEXT SCHEDULED FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH. HE UNDERSTANDS DEMIREL TO BE VISITING REGION OF TURKISH THRACE SOMETIME IN NEXT FEW DAYS. IF TURKS INDICATE WILLINGNESS,

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GREEK PRIME MINISTER COULD BE IN REGION AT SAME TIME.

2. AS REPORTED EARLIER, KING CLEARLY HOPES GOG-GOT PRIME MINISTERIAL TALKS CAN BE HELD IN TIME FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO REPORT FRESH DEVELOPMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 11.  
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KING CONSTANTINE WILL PROCEED ON SCHEDULE, DEPARTING  
ATHENS 1200 NOON TODAY ARRIVING NEW YORK 1640 LOCAL.  
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NATUS

WE ASSUME PRESS REPORTS KING CONSTANTINE WILL VISIT  
WASHINGTON AND SEE PRESIDENT ACCURATE. IF CYPRUS  
QUESTION TO BE RAISED, WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR  
PRESIDENT TO REQUEST KING TO CONTINUE USE HIS INFLUENCE  
FOR MAINTENANCE PEACE ON ISLAND AND CONTINUATION SEARCH  
FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO COMPLICATED PROBLEM. IN CONTEXT  
RECENT INTERCOMMUNAL KILLINGS, CONTINUAL SEVERE HARASSMENTS

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AT ROADBLOCKS, ETC., IT AGAIN WORTH EMPHASIZING THAT TURK-  
CYPRIOTS SHOULD BE "KILLED WITH KINDNESS" RATHER THAN VARIETY  
OF WEAPONS CURRENTLY IN USE.

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LIMDIS

1. KING CONSTANTINE ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE USG OFFER TO PROVIDE AN AIRPLANE TO TRANSPORT HIM BETWEEN QUONSET POINT AND WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 11. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING AIRCRAFT TO FLY KING FROM CANADA TO U.S. SEPTEMBER 9. KING WOULD WELCOME ARRANGEMENTS BY USG AND CANADA FOR THAT PLAMW UALAND AT QUONSET POINT. HE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD IF USG COULD ARRANGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPIC FLIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 12 TO PICK HIM UP AT QUONSET POINT RATHER THAN BOSTONX KPREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

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AG KGKG EXPECTS GOG TO ANNOUNCE VISIT TO WASHINGTON SHORTLY BEFORE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY (STATE 25038).

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3. MAY I SIKGEST THAT FINAL SENTENCE OF PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT BE OMITTED. ALTERNATIVELY, "WHEN PLANS FIRM" COULD REPLACE "WHEN SET".  
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EXDIS

1. IN EXPRESSING HIS GREAT APPRECIATION OF OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PRESIDENT JOHNSON SEPTEMBER 11 KING CONSTANTINE VOICED HOPE THAT IN ADDITION TO SMALL LUNCHEON HE MIGHT HAVE SOME TIME ALONE WITH PRESIDENT. HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITHOUT RESERVE ABOUT DOMESTIC GREEK SITUATION AS WELL AS CYPRUS AND OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. HE HAS IN MIND GIVING THE PRESIDENT HIS PERSONAL ESTIMATE OF POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER CRISIS GREECE AND DESCRIBING COURSES OF ACTION THAT MAY BE OPEN TO HIM IF ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALISM BREAK DOWN AT ANYPOINT. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT POSITION USG

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MIGHT TAKE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, AND COMMENTED THAT PROBABLY THIS WOULD NOT INCLUDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, EVEN WORDS COULD BE HELPFUL. I URGED HIM TO BE CANDID IN ALL RESPECTS, AND REAFFIRMED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE REALISTIC TO COUNT ON ANY MATERIAL INTERCESSION BY USG.

2. AS TO CYPRUS AND RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, KING NOW HOPES GREEK AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTERS CAN ARRANGE TO MEET SOMETIME BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11. IT IS CLEARLY HIS HOPE HE WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT PROGRESS WHEN HE SEES THE PRESIDENT.

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LIMDIS

1. KING CONSTANTINE TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE PLANS TO PROCEED FROM CANADA TO NEWPORT EITHER LATE SEPTEMBER 9 OR EARLY SEPTEMBER 10. IN NEWPORT WHERE HIS VISIT BEING ARRANGED BY EMIL MOSBACHER KING WILL STAY WITH WILEY T. BUCHANAN, FORMER CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. KING WOULD BE PLEASED IF USG COULD ARRANGE HIS TRANSPORT FROM NEWPORT TO WASHINGTON ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11 AND BACK TO NEWPORT AFTER MEETING AND LUNCHEON WITH PRESIDENT.

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2. KING ADVISED PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING THAT LUNCHEON MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ARRANGED FOR SEPTEMBER 11.

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IN VIEW OF LONDON TIMES STORY FROM WASHINGTON THAT MEETING FIXED, KING PROPOSED THAT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF LUNCHEON IN ORDER TO APPEAR IN PRESS HERE AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE KING'S DEPARTURE FROM GREECE.

3. KING EXPECTS TO TAKE WITH HIM TO WASHINGTON ONLY MARSHAL OF COURT PAPAGOS. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT WHETHER NEW GREEK AMBASSADOR PALAMAS WILL BY THEN HAVE DIARRIVED IN WASHINGTON.

4. KING IS PROPOSING TO PRESENT TO PRESIDENT "SOME

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SMALL ITEM FROM GREECE." I PRESUME THIS WILL BE PIECE OF ANCIENT SCULPTURE. MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK.

5. KING'S TRAVEL PLANS NOW COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR UNCERTAINTY ABOUT MODE OF TRAVEL FROM CANADA TO NEWPORT SEPTEMBER 9 OR 10. EITHER MOSBACHER OR BUCHANAN HAS OFFERED TO SEND PRIVATE PLANE TO CANADA. AS ALTER-

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NATIVE KING IS CONSIDERING DRIVING FROM CANADA TO NEWPORT. HE MAY, HOWEVER, ASK CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, HIS OFFICIAL HOST, IF IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO FLY HIM TO BOSTON OR SOME OTHER PLACE NEAR NEWPORT.

6. I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM KING BEFORE AUGUST 23 THAT USG WILL PROVIDE PLANE TO CARRY HIM FROM NEWPORT TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN SEPTEMBER 11.

7. I FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED INFORM PALACE AND GOG THAT USG WILL MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT AUGUST 21 (OR AUGUST 22 IN WHAT PREFERABLE), GOG TO RELEASE SIMULTANEOUSLY, ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

QUOTE: WE ARE HAPPY THAT VISIT OF KING CONSTANTINE TO CANADA MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO STOP OVER IN UNITED STATES. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR HIS MAJESTY TO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE

I SEE NO REASON TO ANNOUNCE DATE OR DETAILS OF MEETING AT THIS TIME, BUT KING WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF USG SO DESIRES.

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LIMDIS

1. PALACE REQUESTS FACILITATION OF ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES FOR KING AND QUEEN AND THEIR SUITE REACHING NEW YORK AUGUST 24 AT 1640 HOURS BY OLYMPIC AIRWAYS FLIGHT 411. I HAVE ASSURED THEM THAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO AVOID ANY DELAY.

2. PALACE ALSO REQUESTS THAT PERMISSION BE OBTAINED FROM CAB FOR OLYMPIC AIRWAYS FLIGHT 412 OF SEPTEMBER 12, LEAVING NEW YORK AT 2100 HOURS, TO LAND AT BOSTON TO PICK UP THEIR MAJESTIES. I HOPE THIS CAN BE ARRANGED ON CLASSIFIED BASIS PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROYAL

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PARTY'S PLANS FOR DEPARTURE FROM U.S.

3. I AM TO MEET KING AND MARSHAL OF COURT FRIDAY MORNING, AT WHICH TIME I HOPE TO GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED ABOUT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS.  
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TRAVEL DETAILS OF GREEK ROYAL PARTY'S PRIVATE VISIT  
TO U.S. ENROUTE PHNADA POUCHED MONDAY AUGUST 14 TO  
NEAGRK. MARSHALL OF COURT PAPAGOS REQUEST USG  
ASSISTANCE IN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. HE SUGGESTS  
WORKING LIAISON WITH GREEK CONSUL GENERAL GAVAS IN  
NEW YORK.  
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LIMDIS

1. AT ETHYL-HELLAS OPENING THURSDAY IN THESSALONIKI I FOUND OPPORTUNITY ONLY FOR VERY BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH KING, WHO WAS VISIBLY PLEASED BY PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 11. I TOLD HIM THIS WOULD BE VERY SMALL STAG LUNCHEON, WITH EXPECTATION HE WOULD FLY INTO WASHINGTON IN MORNING AND OUT AGAIN IN AFTERNOON. AS TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, HE READILY AGREED TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION FOR SOME TIME. INDEED, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT EVEN TELL PRIME MINISTER UNTIL WE AGREED ON ANNOUNCE-

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MENT DATE.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER CEREMONY HE WAS RETURNING TO CORFU. PQAM TO SEE HIM AGAIN FOR MORE EXTENDED CONVERSATION WHEN HE COMES TO ATHENS AUGUST 17.

3. ON MY RETURN TO ATHENS USIS INFORMED ME THAT SEVERAL GREEK AND FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IN ATHENS ARE AWARE KING PRESUMABLY WILL TRANSIT US ENROUTE CANADA AND ARE SPECULATING ON POSSIBLE STOPOVER IN WASHINGTON. PRESSMEN APPARENTLY HAVE LEARNED THAT KING LIKELY LEAVE GREECE

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SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE HIS FIRST CANADIAN APPOINTMENT AND THAT HIS RETURN DATE NOT YET FIRM. CENSORSHIP HAS PREVENTED STORY BEING CIRCULATED IN GREEK PRESS. HOWEVER, PROBABILITY REMAINS THAT WIRE SERVICES OR NEW YORK TIME MAY FILE.

4. IF DEPARTMENT QUERIED, SUGGEST RESPONSES FOR TIME BEING NOT GO BEYOND STATEMENT THAT NO OFFICIAL VISIT TO US CONTEMPLATED. IF QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT PLANS FOR TRANSIT OR PRIVATE VISIT, QUESTIONERS COULD BE REFERRED TO KING CONSTANTINE.  
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IN CONNECTION THEIR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO  
CANADA KING CONSTANTINE AND QUEEN ANNA MARIE ARE PLANNING  
TO FLY TO AND FROM NEW YORK BY OLYMPIA AIRWAYS.  
AS QUEEN HAS NEVER SEEN UNITED STATES AND AS WESTERN EUROPEAN  
VISITS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IMMEDIATELY AFTER CANADIAN TOUR HAVE  
NOW BEEN CANCELLED, KING HOPES THE CAN SPEND SEVERAL DAYS PRIVATELY  
AND INFORMALLY IN US. HE ASKED ME SUNDAY WHETHER THIS WOULD  
CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTY. HE WOULD ALSO WELCOME CHANCE TO CALL  
ON THE PRESIDENT IF THE PRESIDENT COULD CO  
NVENIENTLY RECEIVE HIM.

CONSTANTINE PROPOSES TO REACH NEW ORK AUGUST 24 RPT 24

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AND SPEND FOLLOWING DAY THERE BEFORE GOING TO CANADA AUGUST 26  
FOR INTERNATIONAL SAILING RACES AND EXPO VISIT. ON RETURN HE  
AND QUEEN WOULD BE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10 RPT 9 AND 10.  
THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO NEWPORT SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12 TO WITNESS  
START OF AMERICA CUP RACE, AND WOULD THEN RETURN IMMEDIATELY  
TO GREECE. MOST CONVENIENT DAY FOR KING TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT  
WOULD BE SEPTEMBER 11 RPT 11, ALTHOUGH AUG 25 OR 26 ALSO POSSIBLE  
AND KING WOULD GLADLY STAY OVER TILL SEPTEMBER 13 IF THAT WOULD BE FIT

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INTO THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. (N.B.: HE WOULD EVIDENTLY PREFER NOT RPT NOT BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 12, WHEN FIRST CUP RACE SCHEDULED.)

WHILE IN NEW YORK AREA KING IS PLANNING TO SEEK MEETING ALSO WITH U THANT. I TOLD KING I WAS SURE HE WOULD BE WELCOME IN UNITED STATES.

EARLIER IN CONVERSATION I HAD DESCRIBED CURRENT LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS WITH WORLD WIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND HAD FORECAST THAT MANY WEEKS MIGHT PASS BEFORE THIS YEAR'S DECISIONS MADE. I HAD ALSO SAID THAT I PERSONALLY HOPED KING COULD VISIT UNITED STATES SOON, PERHAPS EARLY NEXT YEAR, WITH GOOD NEWS ON

CYPRUS AND GREEK CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATIONS. REFERRING AGAIN TO THOSE COMMENTS, I NOW SAID THAT ONLY QUESTION IN MY MIND ABOUT

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BRIEF WASHINGTON VISIT IN SEPTEMBER WOULD BE TACTICAL SITUATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL AND POSSIBLE EFFECT OF KING'S ARRIVAL ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES. WE AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER AFTER I HAD CONSULTED WASHINGTON.

COMMENT: I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT STATE VISIT IN EARLY 1968 HIGHLY ADVISABLE AS CARROT AND PROD TO KEEP GOG MOVING TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL RULE, SINCE KING AND GOVT WOULD KNOW THAT PRIOR FAILURE OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION WOULD MAKE VISIT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, AS KING CLEARLY DESIRES TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION TO THE PRESIDENT AT EARLIER STAGE, I RECOMMEND THAT IF CONVENIENT TO THE PRESIDENT HE BE INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 11 OR 13, ON UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD FLY INTO AND OUT OF WASHINGTON SAME DAY. IF CONGRESSIONAL OPINION OR OTHER FACTORS SHOULD COMPEL POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND CONSTANTINE TO LATER DATE, I URGE THAT I BE AUTHORIZED AT SAME TIME TO EXTEND FIRM INVITATION FOR STATE VISIT NEXT WINTER.

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1. STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY AGENTS NEW YORK REPORT PROBABILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS NEW YORK AUGUST 24, 25 AND 26 ON OCCASION KING'S VISIT. EXACT NATURE OF DEMONSTRATIONS NOT YET APPARENT BUT IF THEY CONSISTENT WITH PROTESTS ALREADY BEING VOICED IN NEW YORK THEY WILL PROTEST AGAINST PRESENT GREEK GOVERNMENT, AND JAILING ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. AT PRESENT TIME THERE ARE A FEW DEMONSTRATORS ACROSS STREET FROM UN PROCLAIMING THEY ON HUNGER STRIKE AGAINST GOG. ALSO SWASTIKA PAINTED ON GREEK CONGEN NEW YORK WHICH NOW UNDER 24-HOUR UNIFORMED POLICE PROTECTION.

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2. DEPARTMENT SY BELIEVES DEMONSTRATORS WILL ATTEMPT GATHER

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ROUND HOTEL OF ROYAL PARTY, GREEK CONGEN, GRACIE MANSION AND UN. THEY BELIEVE THERE WILL BE NO REAL PROBLEM SECURITY SHOULD ROYAL PARTY PROCEED NEW YORK BUT ANTICIPATE DEMONSTRATIONS OF TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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1. WHITE HOUSE PLANS FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT: BEGIN QUOTE  
THE PRESIDENT IS PLEASED THAT VISIT OF KING CONSTANTINE  
OF GREECE TO CANADA MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO STOP OVER  
IN THE UNITED STATES. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR  
HIS MAJESTY TO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.  
THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN SET. END QUOTE.

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2. RELEASE DATE WASHINGTON WILL BE 23 AUGUST 1100  
LOCAL TIME. ATHENS MAY RELEASE ANY TIME AFTERNOON  
OF AUGUST 23 LOCAL.

3. IF PRESSED, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN WILL SAY MEETING  
WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY.

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1. ~~Approval granted for release follows~~ following announcement: *"The President is*  
*of Greece*  
pleased that visit of King Constantine to Canada makes it possible for him  
to stop over in the United States. Arrangements are being made for  
His Majesty to have a private meeting with the President. *The date will be*  
*announced when set. " You may adapt for use there.*
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- 3. If pressed, White House spokesman will say  
meeting will probably not take place until after  
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DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR USE OF VC-131-H  
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QUONSET POINT (NAVAL AIR STATION OUTSIDE NEWPORT) 1040  
SEPTEMBER 11, ARRIVE ANDREWS WASHINGTON 12 NOON. FOLLOWING  
LUNCH CRAFT WILL RETURN KING TO QUONSET POINT.  
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Mr. Walt W. Rostow  
The White House

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Department has received approval for use of VC-131-H (deluxe Convair  
pick up King at  
Presidential aircraft) to ~~leave~~ Quonset Point (Naval Air Station outside  
Newport) 1040 September 11, arrive Andrews Washington 12 noon. Following  
lunch craft will return King to Quonset Point. End

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WE WERE ON POINT SECURING FINAL APPROVAL OF  
ANNOUNCEMENT YOU RECOMMENDED WHEN WE LEARNED OF SENATOR  
CLARK'S SPEECH CRITICIZING GREEK GOVERNMENT. IN  
CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DEFERRING DECISION ON TIMING. WE WILL  
ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOPEFULLY 22 AUGUST. RUSK

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We were on point securing final approval of announcement you recommended when we learned of Senator Clark's speech criticizing Greek Government. In circumstances, we deferring decision on timing. We will advise you as soon as possible, hopefully 22 August.

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FOR AMBASSADOR

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UPI AUGUST 14 CARRIED TICKER ITEM TO EFFECT KING CONSTANTINE  
WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON IN U.S. WHEN MONARCH VISITS  
CANADA LATER THIS MONTH. ATTRIBUTION WAS TO AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE,  
ATHENS.

AS FAR AS WE AWARE NO RPT NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING'S  
VISIT TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE AS YET MADE THROUGH WASHINGTON

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PRESS HAS CARRIED ITEM THAT KING WILL VISIT WXPO. CAN YOU  
CLARIFY IMMEDIATELY WHETHER OR NOT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
CANADIAN VISIT HAS INDEED BEEN MADE. ADDITIONALLY, WILL YOU

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ADVISE US FOLLOWING YOUR THURSDAY MEETING WITH KING WHAT HIS WISH IS WITH REGARD ANNOUNCING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT. IN MEANTIME WE HEWING PUBLICLY TO LINE THAT NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRIP MADE BY KING AND THEREFORE ALL QUERIES AS TO SUCH VISIT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ATHENS (PARA 4 REFTEL).

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1. WHITE HOUSE HAS APPROVED DATE OF SEPTEMBER 11 FOR INFORMAL WORKING LUNCHEON WITH KING CONSTANTINE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PRIVATE VISIT TO US.

2. AS TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING HIS INFORMAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE SUGGEST PRESS RELEASE BE MADE BY WHITE HOUSE AFTER KING'S ARRIVAL IN US. FYI, WE DELIBERATELY DO NOT WANT TO MAKE THIS JOINT RELEASE OR CREATE IMPRESSION THAT KING CONSTANTINE IS HERE ON MISSION ON BEHALF OF GREEK GOVERNMENT.

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END FYI. WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON PRESS HANDLING OF VISIT.  
AFTER FURTHER TALK WITH KING, HOPE YOU CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION ON FIRM TRAVEL PLANS OF ROYAL COUPLE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bromley Smith

OK  
BKS

I recommend we clear the attached. The reason for the somewhat unusual timing on the press release is that the King is coming on a strictly private visit, and we are afraid that if we announce too soon some of his colonels will try to latch on and show up at the White House too, ~~soon~~.



Hal Saunders

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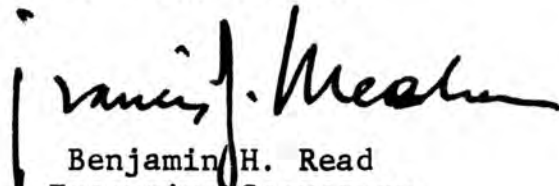
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Mr. Walt W. Rostow  
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Tel to Athens re King Constantine  
Visit (LIMDIS)

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Athens 589.

1. White House has approved date of September 11 for informal working luncheon with King Constantine in connection with his private visit to US.
  2. As to public announcement regarding his informal visit to Washington, we suggest press release be made by White House after King's arrival in US.
- FYI, we deliberately do not want to make this joint release or create impression that King Constantine is here on mission on behalf of Greek Government. END FYI. Would welcome your views on press handling of visit. After further talk with King, hope you can provide additional information on firm travel plans of royal couple.

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1. White House has authorized you to extend invitation from President Johnson to King Constantine for visit to Washington September 7-8 following Their Majesties' visit EXPO 67.
2. ~~The~~ Please request GOG views on appropriate date for announcement of visit. FYI We prefer date at least ten days after completion of visit of Turk President Sunay to US April 13.

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy ATHENS

DATE: April 21, 1967

SUBJECT: Invitation to King Constantine to Visit U. S.

REF: Athens 4409

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Under Secretary Fonoff Yerokostopoulos has confirmed to me informal decision reported by King in reference message.

I believe that it would be in our interest to reschedule the visit in early 1968 and hope that the President's desires and schedule might be amenable to the King's suggestion.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Friday, September 8, 1967

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Your Talk with Greek King--Monday, September 11

King Constantine is here privately after an official visit to Canada, so we've planned no ceremony in connection with his call. Your lunch at 1 p. m. --after a half hour's talk alone--will be basically the Tuesday lunch group like our session with King Hussein. He asked for this meeting.

Constantine has one main subject on his mind. He fears his younger military may stage a second phase of the April coup to oust the last semblances of civilian government--including him, if he doesn't go along. We expect him to ask you how much help we'd give him if he ends up in that sort of confrontation.

Secretary Rusk's memo (Tab A) spells this out in more detail, but essentially our line is this: While we don't like the coup government any more than he does, we think the way for both of us to handle it is to work with it and try to nudge it back toward constitutional government. The consequences of a confrontation would be bad for all of us, so what we want to talk about is how to avoid it. If it comes, we can't honestly say what we'd do until we see what the situation is. We think our interests and the King's are similar. We don't want civil war; we want constitutional government; we don't want US-Greek relations disrupted. But what we can do is limited.

In that context, you might want to discuss our suspended military aid. We'll have Congressional problems if we release any more now, but you might want to get a sense from the King himself what role this aid would play, if any, in staving off a confrontation. If he makes a convincing case, we would have a better argument on the Hill, since even the hostile members see the King as the main rallying point for forces pressing for return to constitutional government. Phil Talbot feels the King will suffer if he doesn't bring back promise of some release. You may want to discuss this with Secretaries Rusk and McNamara and the King at lunch, if he presses you.

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Cyprus is the other important subject that may come up. Greek Prime Minister Kollias and Turkish Prime Minister Demirel are meeting this weekend, with Cyprus high on the agenda. The Greek coup government does show more signs than any civilian predecessor of trying for a settlement. And the Turks report "encouraging sounds" in preparation for this summit meeting. Yet if Ankara is ready to talk they (and Phil Talbot) are still **not overly sanguine**. Greece has so far given no real preview of a specific deal that would meet Turkey half-way. **You'll want to ask the King for the latest information on the Kollias-Demirel talks. You might urge him to face up to the problem and get this settled--particularly while the military regime can take the heat for any concessions.**

Apart from military aid, **he may ask for something like \$15 million to help rebuild from a series of earthquakes last spring. We see this mainly as a gimmick dreamed up by the coup government to get a small program loan. We are out of the aid business in Greece and ought to stay out. But the Greek government keeps pressing. We've offered Export-Import Bank loans and ought to stick to that response.**

**We're considering a state visit for the King and Queen next spring. But we want to hold off mentioning that until we see how he comes out of this fall's political push and whether he can keep the pressure on the junta for return to constitutional government.**

Of the attached briefing material, **you need read only Secretary Rusk's memo (Tab A). But if you have time, you'd find helpful the papers on the looming confrontation (Tab B) on Greece's domestic situation (Tab C) and on US public attitudes toward the coup (Tab D). We'll have a talking paper for you Monday.**

*Walt* Rostow

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Your Meeting with King Constantine  
of Greece

King Constantine is coming to Washington at his request. While the main purpose of his visit is to explain the aims of the Greek Government which came to power in the April 21, 1967 coup and to obtain U. S. understanding and support for the Government, at the same time he will seek Presidential assurances of U. S. backing in any confrontation he might have with the Greek junta. The King views his role as one of continuously pressing the coup leaders in the direction of a return to democratic processes. He also believes that his standing with the junta, as well as Greek-U. S. relations, will be enhanced by the resumption of U. S. military assistance to Greece. The very fact that you have agreed to receive him will strengthen his position with the Government.

We share the King's view that he can play a constructive role in encouraging the Greek Government in the direction of constitutionalism. However, we believe we should caution him against pushing the regime to the point of provoking a confrontation, since we do not want to see armed conflict in Greece and would not wish to intervene militarily in his behalf. We realize that walking such a narrow line is a difficult course to follow, and believe that the visit offers the occasion to reassure the 27-year old King of our recognition of the importance of the monarchy as well as our appreciation of his vital role in returning the country to constitutionalism. On military assistance, we believe that you should inform the King that full resumption of MAP is out of the

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question at this time because of strong public and Congressional sentiment against such a move; however, we are prepared to consider releasing a few of the items now currently suspended. In this way we can bolster the King's position vis-a-vis the coup leadership as well as prevent our own relations with the Greek Government from becoming frozen.

In sum, we believe that the visit of the King can serve a useful purpose in making clear our profound desire for continued close relations with Greece as well as our belief in the necessity for an early return to constitutional government. It also provides an opportunity to reassure the King of our support for him and at the same time to discourage him from moving into a confrontation with the junta.

  
Dean Rusk

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## Talking Points

Our goals in your luncheon meeting with the King are to

- (1) indicate our strong desire for continued good relations with Greece,
- (2) assure the King of our appreciation of the importance of the monarchy to Greece and of the constructive role he has played since the Greek coup,
- (3) express the concern of the American Government and people at the suspension of democratic processes in Greece and our strongest hope that they will be restored, and
- (4) impress upon the King the need to avoid chaos or civil war in Greece.

In this connection, you may wish to point out the following:

### 1. Bilateral U.S. - Greek Relations

a. We continue to consider Greece as an important NATO ally, and are thankful for the cooperation accorded to us by the Greek Government during the mid-East crisis;

b. We fully appreciate the difficult role played by the King since the April 21 coup in encouraging the Greek Government to moderate its policies and to take steps leading towards a return to constitutionalism, without at the same time undermining his own relationship with the government leaders or provoking them to a final confrontation.

c. The American Government and people were deeply troubled by the overthrow of the constitutional government of Greece and the arrest of large numbers of political prisoners. It was in this context that we suspended shipment of major military items to Greece

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and placed our entire MAP to Greece under review. We believe that by moving steadily to restore constitutional processes and by early release of all or most of the political prisoners, the Greek Government could more fully develop its traditionally close relations with the United States and the American people.

## 2. Foreign Affairs

a. Cyprus - The King will expect some acknowledgment of his efforts to improve Greek-Turkish relations by pushing for high-level Greek-Turkish government negotiations on Cyprus; you may wish to praise the King's efforts in this respect and particularly his success in achieving a meeting of Greek-Turkish Prime Ministers September 9-10. You may also wish to reaffirm our support for constructive efforts aimed at solving this disruptive issue, an issue which by disrupting Greek-Turkish cooperation weakens free world defenses in the Mid-East at a time of intensified Soviet activity in the area.

b. Vietnam - You may wish to discuss briefly the current situation in Vietnam.

c. NATO - While expressing our regret that the question of the Greek political changes has become a subject of dissension within the NATO alliance, you may wish to point out that it was inevitable that the coup would provoke an unfavorable reaction among some members of the alliance. However, we believe this reaction could be largely overcome by concrete evidence of a return to democratic processes in Greece.

d. Yugoslavia - We consider it unfortunate that the traditionally good relations between Greece and Yugoslavia have been adversely affected by the change of government in Greece, due in part to the extreme sensitivity on the part of the Yugoslavs to recent world events. It might be helpful if the Greeks might take some steps to reassure exaggerated Yugoslav fears of



Greek intentions toward it, particularly since such fears strengthen the position of those conservative Communist elements opposed to liberal trends in Yugoslav development.

3. Economic

Express our satisfaction that the Greek Government has taken steps to encourage foreign investment by removing bureaucratic and other obstacles to such investment and our hope that Greece will move forward on the economic front.

Points King Constantine May Raise

1. Resumption of Full United States Military Assistance to Greece

a. The King will probably ask for full resumption of military assistance to Greece.

b. You might respond that while it is our desire to release some of the items now under suspension, the continuing adverse public and Congressional opinion in the United States over political developments in Greece has made it difficult to do so. However, we are exploring the possibility of releasing a limited number of items at this time. You might add that as soon as the Greek Government gives further concrete evidence that it is moving towards constitutionalism and the release of the political prisoners, the U.S. Government would be disposed to consider resumption of delivery of the suspended items.

2. Assistance for the King in the Event of a Confrontation with the Junta

a. It is likely that the King will ask for assurance of United States support in any confrontation he might have with the coup government, including possible evacuation of himself and his family if their lives were

endangered.

b. You might respond that it is our profound hope that a confrontation between the King and the junta be avoided, since such a confrontation might plunge the country into chaos. While we firmly believe that the King should continue to press the junta towards a return of constitutionalism, he should not push matters to the point of a confrontation. If, despite the King's best efforts, a confrontation resulted over a refusal by the junta to move towards a restoration of democratic processes on a key issue and where the King's acquiescence would seriously undermine his position and influence, we would reflect in our public posture our support of a return to constitutionalism. However, there could be no United States military intervention. Possible movements of units of the Sixth Fleet to Greek waters, for political purposes only, would have to be decided at the time in light of existing circumstances.

Should the King's life and that of his family be endangered in such a confrontation, we would exert our influence on behalf of the safety of the King and his family. However, because of the risks involved to the individuals concerned, we would not attempt to evacuate the Royal family against the wishes of the junta.

You might wish to reiterate the point that we support the efforts of the King in furtherance of the peaceful return of Greece to democratic processes. At the same time, we are convinced that achievement of this objective would be undermined by a confrontation.

### 3. Cyprus

a. The King may ask for United States participation in the Greek-Turkish dialogue to bring about a solution to the Cyprus question, noting that the two sides are close together and need only a push from outside to reach a final agreement.



b. You might respond that we continue to believe that the Cyprus problem can be solved only by agreement among the parties concerned. Therefore, we do not believe that our participation at the present time would be helpful. However, we do not preclude such participation at a future date if we were convinced that we could play a constructive role, and if both parties desired it.

4. Request for Economic Assistance

a. It is possible that the King may request you to support a program loan of \$70 million for Greece to assist with the reconstruction of earthquake damaged areas.

b. You might respond that while the United States Government could not provide a program loan, the Export-Import Bank would be prepared to consider applications for financing soundly conceived and economically desirable projects as well as to continue its supplier credit guarantee facility for purchases of U.S. capital equipment on appropriate credit terms.

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VISIT OF KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECE  
September 11, 1967

BACKGROUND PAPER

POSSIBLE KING-JUNTA CONFRONTATION

Background of King-Junta Relationship

The coup of April 21, 1967 took King Constantine completely by surprise. Although he made an initial effort to contact his key military commanders to resist the coup, when it became apparent that the coup leaders had won over or effectively neutralized all major military commands, and that resistance on his part might plunge the nation into a civil war, the King reluctantly accepted the coup as a fait accompli. However, although he agreed to preside over the first Cabinet meeting of the new government, he refused to sign the royal decree suspending certain articles of the Constitution which therefore went into effect without his signature.

The King's relationship to the coup leaders remains tenuous. While constantly exerting pressure on the junta to move towards constitutionalism, he has been reluctant to push too hard lest he provoke an actual confrontation. Consequently, he has given in on a number of disagreements with the junta where he felt basic principles were not at stake. However, he has encouraged Army generals not identified with the coup to reassert their authority within the armed forces, and he has attempted to gauge the loyalty of the key military commanders whose support would be crucial in any confrontation with the coup leaders.

For their part, the coup leaders at the present time consider the King a necessity both because of the legitimacy he accords the new regime as well as because of his strength among the senior

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officers. In addition, the King is widely believed to have the support of the U. S. Government, and the coup leaders believe that any move against the King would antagonize the U. S. However, there are indications that at least some of the junta members consider the monarchy a needless luxury which should eventually be eliminated.

#### Possible Causes of a King-Junta Confrontation

Although there are several possible developments which could provoke a King-Junta confrontation, the most likely would ensue following some action by the coup leaders making clear that they do not intend to return to democratic processes. Examples of such action would be their rejection of the revised constitution now being prepared by a committee of jurists, or by their taking steps to oust the civilian Prime Minister and establishing a true military dictatorship under Colonel Papadopoulos or another junta figure. In either case the King would probably challenge the coup leaders, either by demanding their resignations or even arresting them. In such an event the coup leaders would probably attempt to depose the King.

#### Requests for U. S. Assistance

Immediately after the April 21 coup, the King raised through Ambassador Talbot the question of U. S. assistance to evacuate him and his family in the event his position became untenable. After consideration at a high level in the State Department, it was decided that if it became impossible for the King to remain in Greece, the U. S. Government would assist in evacuating the Royal Family, although not secretly (as requested by the King) but following notification to the Greek authorities. At the same time, we reiterated our conviction to the King that if at all possible he should endeavor to remain in Greece where he could continue to exert leverage for an eventual return to constitutionalism.

Within a few days, the danger passed, and the King did not formally request evacuation assistance. However, in the months since the coup the King has on a number of occasions raised with Ambassador Talbot the question of possible U. S. assistance in the

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event a King-Junta confrontation took place. Among the suggestions made by the King have been the following: (1) a landing by U. S. marines near Athens, not for combat reasons but as a "show of force" along the lines of the Lebanon landing in 1958; (2) the positioning of units of the Sixth Fleet in Greek waters prior to or during a confrontation, as a gesture of support for the King; (3) a sympathetic U. S. public posture towards the King in the event of a confrontation, including a U. S. statement reaffirming U. S. support for the King's efforts to return the country to constitutionalism, and (4) evacuation of the King and his family in the event their lives were in danger.

In his conversations with the King, Ambassador Talbot has consistently discouraged His Majesty from counting on active U. S. intervention in the event of a confrontation with the junta, particularly in the form of troop landings, although the Ambassador has not precluded the possibility of some kind of U. S. psychological support for the King. However, Ambassador Talbot has repeatedly expressed to the King the U. S. view that while he should continue to encourage the government to move towards constitutionalism, he should not provoke the coup leadership into a confrontation which could possibly lead to armed conflict and chaos.

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BACKGROUND PAPER

GREECE'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SITUATION

Political

The Greek Government which came to power through a military coup April 21, 1967, appears to be firmly in control and to date there has been no overt resistance by the Greek public. Although it has modified or relaxed some of the more obnoxious restrictions imposed at the outset of the coup, the new regime is definitely of an authoritarian character. Key articles of the constitution remain suspended, political activity is prohibited, censorship of domestic publications continues (despite a recent Government pledge to abolish censorship), and meetings of more than five persons are banned. Violators of government laws and regulations are tried by military courts established throughout the country and punishment is swift and severe. Purges of officers considered unreliable were carried out in the Navy and Air Forces and there has been a wide-scale removal of heads of various governmental and semi-governmental agencies.

Late in May, under pressure from the United States as well as King Constantine, the government appointed a 20-member committee composed of eminent jurists and professors to revise the Constitution and submit it to the government within six months for approval prior to the holding of a plebiscite. The coup leaders have avoided publicly announcing a timetable stating precisely when the country would return to parliamentary democracy, although King Constantine has informed us privately that the Cabinet had promised him to restore democratic processes within two years at the most.

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It is probable that the coup leaders themselves are uncertain as to when they intend to return the country to constitutionalism. They probably also have not agreed among themselves on precisely what form that constitutionalism would take. The King, supported by Prime Minister Kollias, has taken the lead in urging the government to bring about a return as promptly as possible. The three coup leaders—General Pattakos, Colonel Papadopoulos, and Colonel Makarezos—have, in varying degrees, opposed an early return to democracy lest the goals of their "revolution" be undermined by a premature return to normal political life.

In their public statements, the coup leaders have repeatedly called for a "purification" of Greek society, but have been vague in defining precisely what this purification entails. What does seem clear is that the coup leaders lack political sophistication, as demonstrated by their ineptness in stripping a prominent Greek actress of her citizenship and sentencing a highly distinguished former Foreign Minister to five years in prison for holding a social gathering of more than five persons. In recent weeks Colonel Papadopoulos has been emerging as the "strong man" of the junta, although even he appears to be subject to pressure from certain extremist junior officers strongly opposed to a return to constitutionalism. The coup leaders share a deep disdain for almost all Greek politicians, whom they consider venal and corrupt.

As the time approaches for a completion of the constitutional revision, the true intentions of the government with regard to the restoration of democracy should become clearer. Should the coup leaders repudiate their promise to hold a plebiscite or refuse to take other steps in the direction of constitutionalism, a confrontation with the King would be likely, perhaps as early as this autumn. Also possible is a split within the coup group itself over this key question.

Although to date there has been no organized opposition to the coup government, with the passage of time such resistance must be anticipated. There is evidence that the initial acceptance of the coup by a Greek citizenry exhausted by years of political demagoguery

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and irresponsibility has begun to wane as the government has failed to meet the expectations--often unrealistic--of various segments of the population. Dissatisfaction with the government will undoubtedly increase if, as expected, there is a worsening of the economic situation. One danger in such a development is the possibility that the leadership of any resistance movement might fall into the hands of the Communists, who are better organized than any other group to wage underground resistance.

#### Economic

The Greek economy has been growing in recent years by an impressive 8 per cent annually and per capita GNP now exceeds \$700. This growth reflects both Greece's own efforts and \$1.9 billion in U. S. economic assistance since 1946. It should be noted to Greece's credit that the U. S. grant economic aid program to Greece officially terminated in 1962.

While there are now signs that the rate of economic growth has begun to slow down, the growth rate nevertheless is expected to amount to between 5 and 6 per cent during 1967. The slow-down in growth reflects an anticipated readjustment to the serious structural problems resulting from the rapid but uneven expansion of the past several years. In addition, the uncertainties arising from the coup and the Middle East crisis have contributed to a worsening balance of payments situation as indicated by a decline during 1967 of \$43.8 million in Greece's official gold and hard currency holdings to a total of \$258.9 million on July 31, 1967. However, the decline in official assets has been partially offset by transferring \$30.1 million from the special fund of gold sovereigns. The pressure on foreign exchange reserves has come from a growing trade deficit that has been only partially offset by invisible earnings which have been less than anticipated during 1967 as the result of a decline in receipts from tourism and workers remittances.

In view of the political and economic uncertainty prevailing before and immediately following the coup, the present government initially followed stabilizing policies designed to reduce prices and encourage savings. Expansionary steps are now being taken to liberalize reserve requirements and the discount rate and to encourage

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certain types of construction.

The government believes it can both stimulate the private sector to be the driving force behind Greek economic development and eliminate the glaring inequalities between classes. While the government has yet to implement these policies, it has begun to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and to speed up arrangements for foreign investment. It has approved and encouraged several investments by American firms, including an \$825 million capital investment program over 12 years with Litton Industries to develop Crete and the Western Peloponnesus, as well as manufacturing proposals by Union Carbide and Goodyear Rubber.

While it is believed that the negative factors affecting the Greek economy may be of short duration, the present government has yet to prove its ability to carry out its stated economic policies and to create the necessary climate of stability and confidence to attract both domestic and foreign investment.

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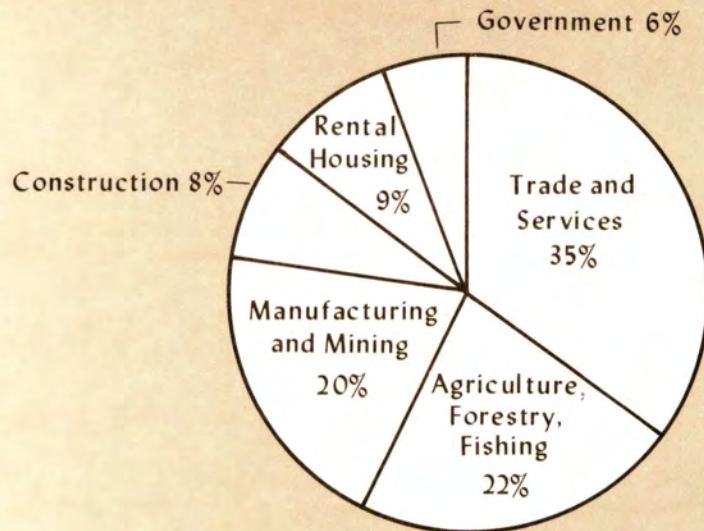
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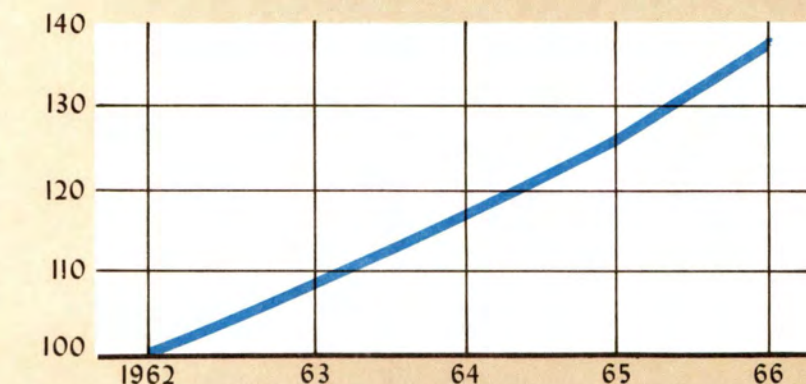
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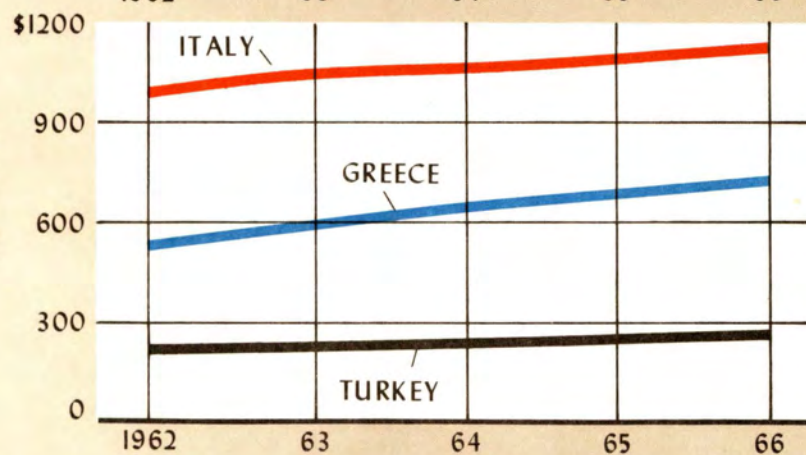
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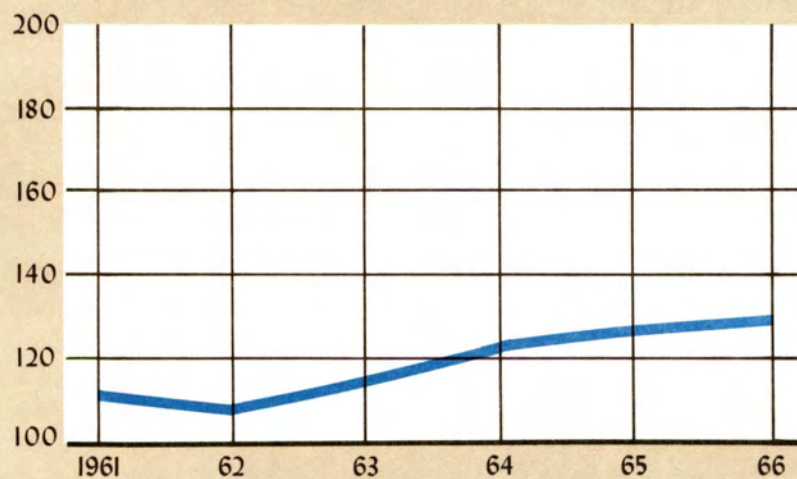


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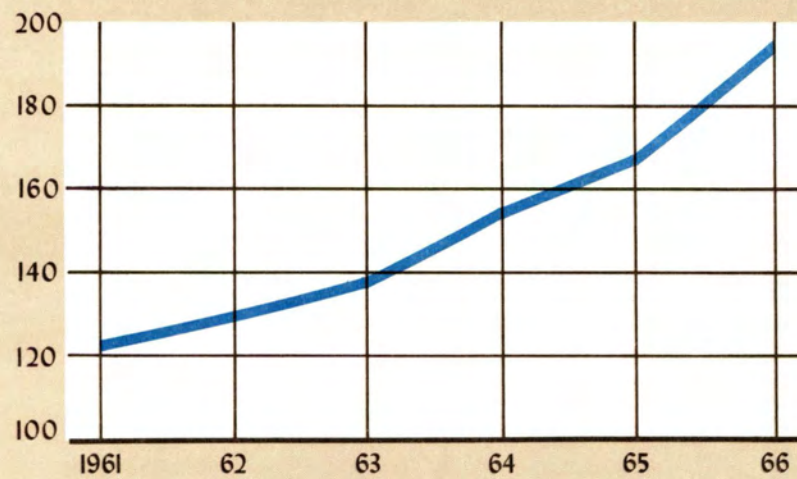
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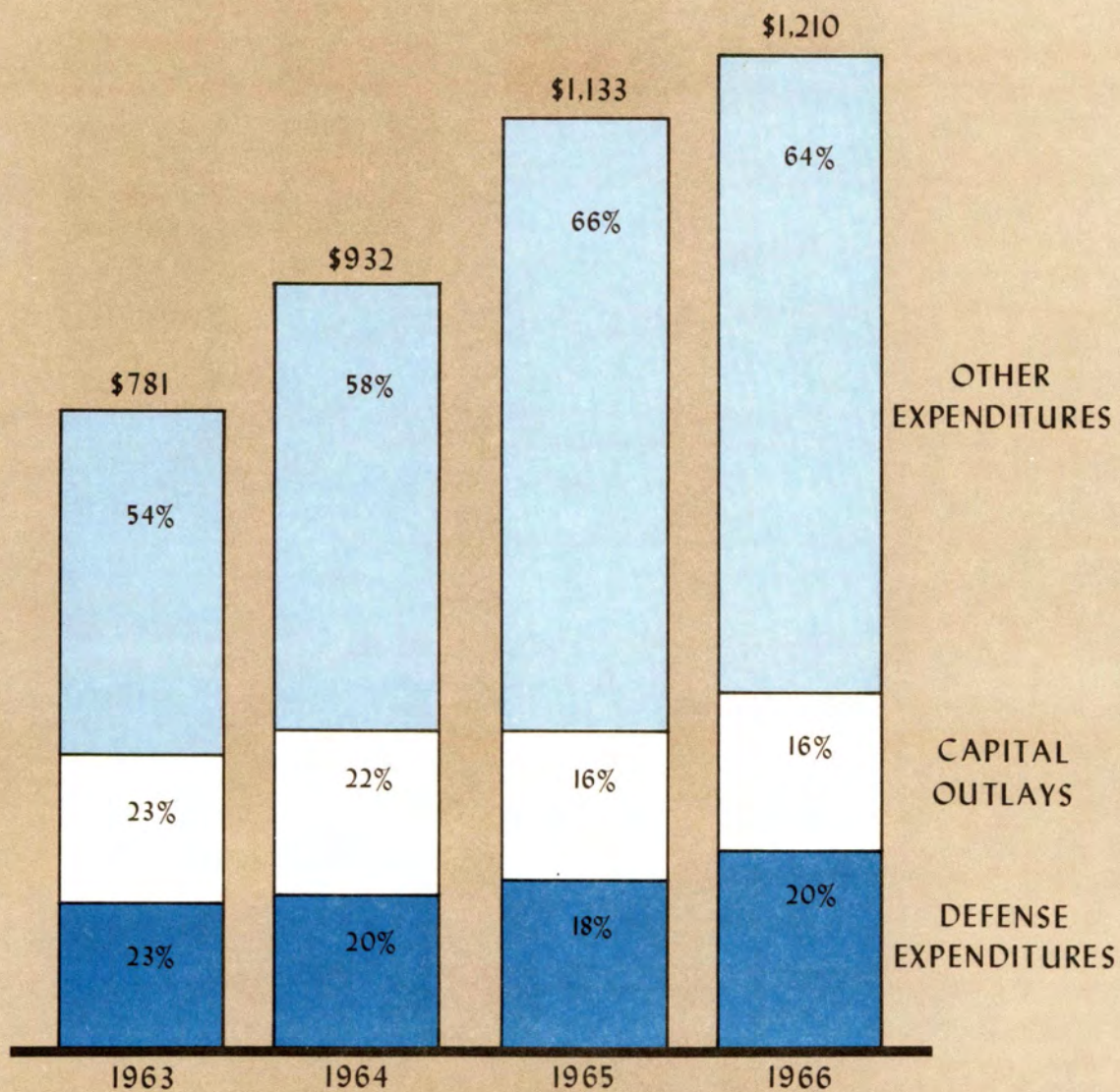


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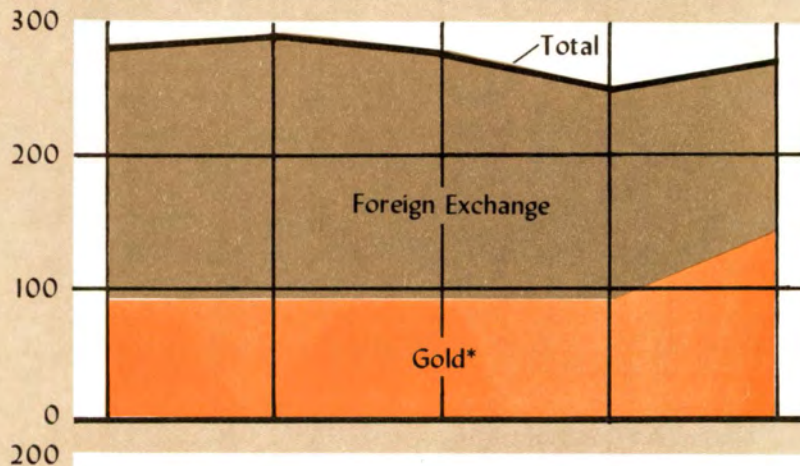
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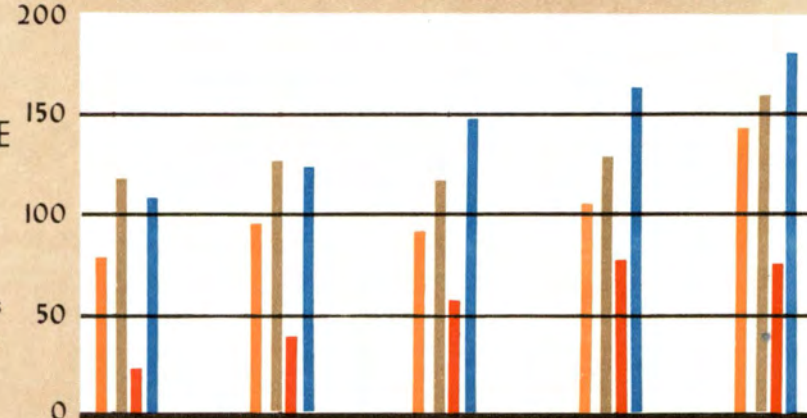
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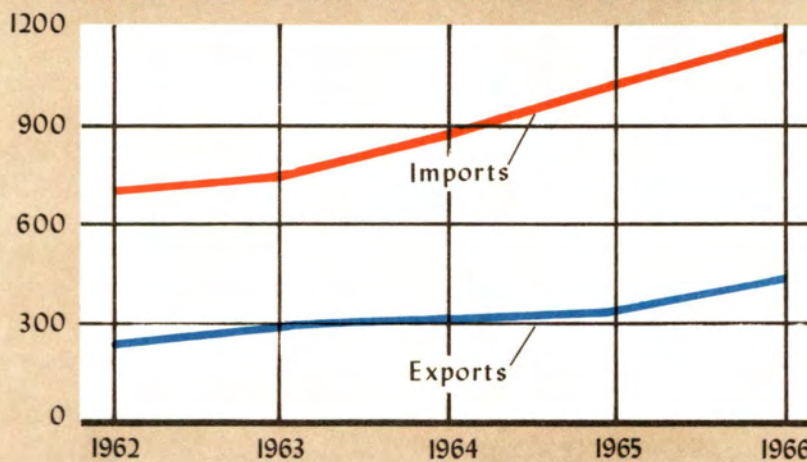


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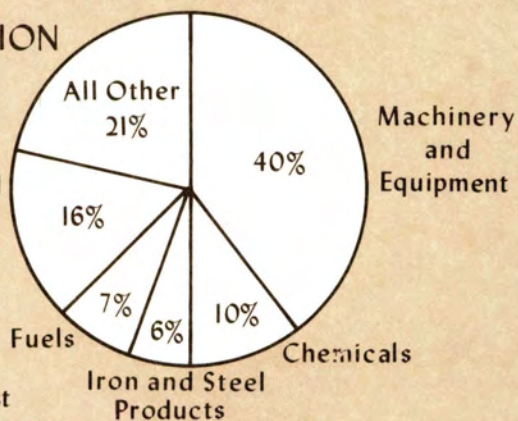
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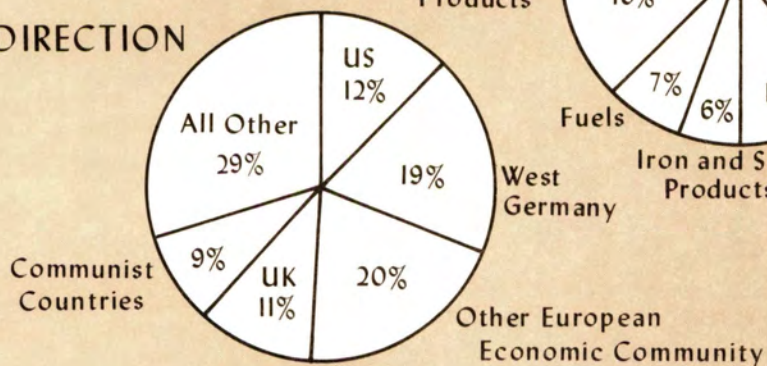
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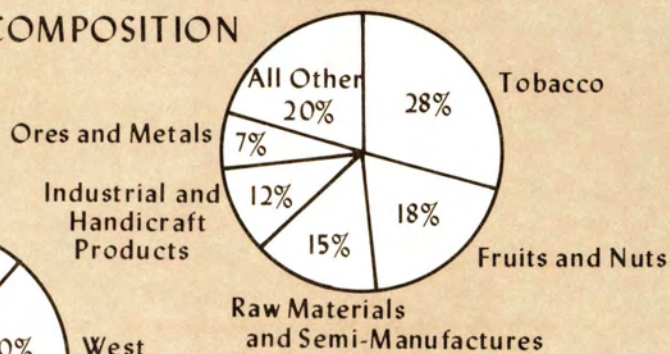
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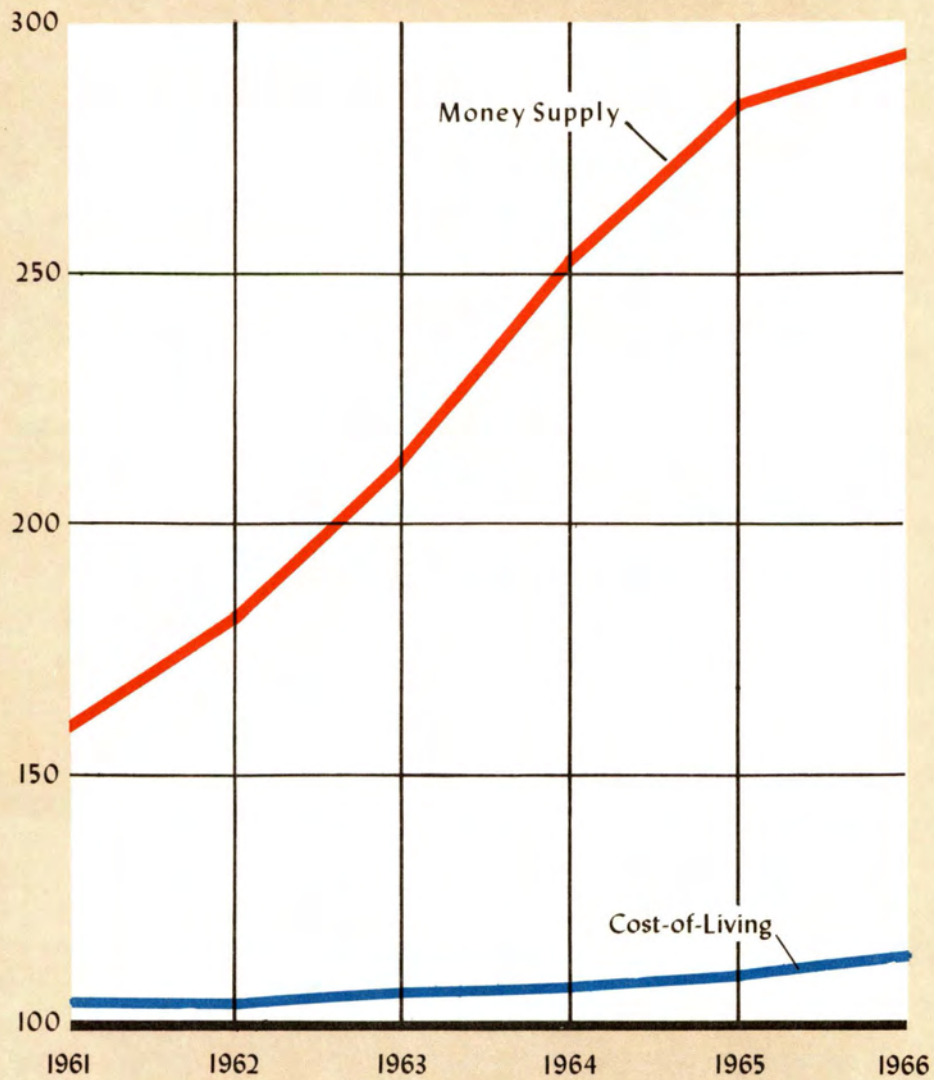


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BACKGROUND PAPER

EVALUATION OF LIKELY U.S. DOMESTIC AND CONGRESSIONAL  
REACTION TO KING-JUNTA CONFRONTATION

Background

Although the American press and public generally deplored the overthrow of representative government in Greece by the April 21 coup, there was some initial hesitation to condemn the new Greek regime before all the facts were available. Some of the early, positive moves of the government such as the formation of a committee to revise the constitution, the reform of the corrupt Greek Orthodox Church leadership, and the business-like attitude towards foreign investment, served to neutralize to some degree the naturally unfavorable impression caused by the basically authoritarian character of the new regime. Congressional opinion generally coincided with public sentiment during this initial period; while dismayed, Congress too tended to wait to let the government "prove" itself.

Present Attitudes towards Government

In recent weeks, however, the image of the Greek junta in the United States has worsened. The continued imprisonment of large numbers of persons without trials (including Andreas Papandreu), the delay in reestablishing the promised degree of press freedom, and the additional arrests for political reasons, have all combined to impress on public opinion the dictatorial nature of the current Greek government. In particular, certain inept moves by the junta, such as divesting the popular Greek actress Melina Mercouri of her citizenship and the arrest and harsh sentence of a distinguished former Greek Foreign Minister, have held the government up to general public ridicule and scorn. As a result, public sentiment against the

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junta has intensified. Members of the academic community, whose personal sympathies and ideological convictions coincide in the case of Andreas Papandreou, have been particularly outspoken. They are followed by a large body of public sentiment, including a segment of the Greek-American community, although the bulk of the Greek-Americans seem still to be apathetic or maintaining a tentative attitude towards the present political situation in Greece. Finally, some of the most vociferous anti-coup opinion in the United States has emanated from Congressional representatives, especially Senators Clark and Pell and Rep. Donald Fraser.

#### Attitude Towards King

Attitudes toward the King do not appear to follow along the same lines as those toward the Greek Government. Even among the harshest critics of the government there is a tendency to regard the King as a constructive force and as one of the best hopes for steering the regime into a more constitutional course. It follows that public and Congressional attitudes towards the King will depend in large part on how the King conducts himself towards the regime.

#### Opinion in Event of Confrontation

It further follows that a confrontation between King and regime would in all probability elicit sympathy for the King. That would clearly be the case if the King and coup leaders should clash over the intransigence of the coup leaders on an issue in which the restoration of democracy were involved. But sentiment would probably still favor the King even on a question of less clear principle, as for example, control of the Army.

Assuming that the King should break with the junta on an issue which cast him in the role of the defender of democracy, there would undoubtedly be considerable popular and Congressional acquiescence and even demand for providing him with psychological and political support, such as an official U. S. Government pronouncement in his favor. There would probably also be general approval, again public and Congressional, of a humanitarian effort to evacuate him and his family in extremis. On the other hand, there would be little support from the public and probably none from the Congress for any U. S. military intervention in a Greek crisis.

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Reaction to Ouster of King

Should the junta make a successful move against the King, there would undoubtedly be irresistible pressure--notably from Congress--to cut off all aid, military and otherwise, to Greece. There probably would be strong pressure from Congress and the public for an official public condemnation of the junta. But even though the ouster of the King would confront the U. S. with the question of recognition of the regime, it is doubtful whether Congressional leaders would demand a break in relations with Greece. It is likely that some NATO countries would try to have Greece read out of their organization and that some Congressional leaders would view such an effort with equanimity. But it is unlikely that Congress would go beyond the demand for a cut-off of all aid to Greece.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Your Meeting with King Constantine  
of Greece

King Constantine is coming to Washington at his request. While the main purpose of his visit is to explain the aims of the Greek Government which came to power in the April 21, 1967 coup and to obtain U. S. understanding and support for the Government, at the same time he will seek Presidential assurances of U. S. backing in any confrontation he might have with the Greek junta. The King views his role as one of continuously pressing the coup leaders in the direction of a return to democratic processes. He also believes that his standing with the junta, as well as Greek-U. S. relations, will be enhanced by the resumption of U. S. military assistance to Greece. The very fact that you have agreed to receive him will strengthen his position with the Government.

We share the King's view that he can play a constructive role in encouraging the Greek Government in the direction of constitutionalism. However, we believe we should caution him against pushing the regime to the point of provoking a confrontation, since we do not want to see armed conflict in Greece and would not wish to intervene militarily in his behalf. We realize that walking such a narrow line is a difficult course to follow, and believe that the visit offers the occasion to reassure the 27-year old King of our recognition of the importance of the monarchy as well as our appreciation of his vital role in returning the country to constitutionalism. On military assistance, we believe that you should inform the King that full resumption of MAP is out of the

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question at this time because of strong public and Congressional sentiment against such a move; however, we are prepared to consider releasing a few of the items now currently suspended. In this way we can bolster the King's position vis-a-vis the coup leadership as well as prevent our own relations with the Greek Government from becoming frozen.

In sum, we believe that the visit of the King can serve a useful purpose in making clear our profound desire for continued close relations with Greece as well as our belief in the necessity for an early return to constitutional government. It also provides an opportunity to reassure the King of our support for him and at the same time to discourage him from moving into a confrontation with the junta.

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