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TELCON (San Clemente)
Vice President/Kissinger

K: Hello, Mr. Vice President.

VP: Yes, Henry.

K: Yes, Mr. Vice President, I have checked this matter all over the place and I now have another call in to Johnson to have him make another check with the Turkish Ambassador. Our information is that this has been considered at the highest level in Turkey and that they're absolutely adamant about it. The reason is that a Greek Patriarch in Istanbul is not just a religious figure and that, apparently as far as I understand, they don't want to have Yakavos as their Patriarch.

VP: Well Yakavosis going to disclaim the (unintelligible)

K: We will make one check - we will have Johnson who's the Acting Secretary talk to the Turkish Ambassador to make sure that there isn't any failure on our Ambassador's part. Any failure of communication, but this as you appreciate is an extremely sensitive matter between Greeks and Turks. You appreciate it better than I, I'm sure. And the Greek Government has stayed out of it up to now. Beyond this I don't see what much more we can do. I've been trying to get the President but he's sleeping and I'll talk to him as soon as he wakes up and of course I'll get a call put through to you as soon as he wakes up.

VP: All right. Henry, I would like to send an unofficial personal message to the President. . .

K: An unofficial personal message to whom? To the President?

VP: Yes, because of Sadat(?) whom I met when I was there and I just think it. .

K: How would you do that?

VP: Well, I would just send a message to him and tell him firstly, as an American of Greek descent in spite of feelings that have existed relying on our statement.



K: Yeh, well of course Davis promised something. Although I must say if you had asked me at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon I would have given you the same answer Davis did. I thought that time it would work.

VP: His plane is scheduled to meet at 7 o'clock at night.

K: Yeh, well we're working on it now. I have a call in to Johnson. He's probably playing golf unless it's raining in the East and I will keep you informed.

VP: I have to call him back by 2 o'clock because we'll have to then call all of the others.

K: Yeh, I'll get word to you before then.

VP: All right. Fine.

Text of a telephone conversation between Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Vice President Spiro Agnew regarding U.S. efforts to bring Greek and Turkish government officials together to discuss their differences. White House, n.d. U.S. Declassified Documents Online, link.gale.com/apps/doc/CK2349720629/USDD?u=txshracd2542&sid=USDD&xid=7e5af4d3&pg=1. Accessed 11 Feb. 2021.