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PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATION WITH DR. KISSINGER, 16 AUGUST 1976

Dr. Kissinger

... One is that Greek/Turkish voting in the UN. The Greeks are trying to ram a resolution through with a lot of support from Europeans. And my fear is that once that resolution is through and if the Turks violently object we still have the problem of the ship. And I wondered whether we shouldn't aim for a resolution that's more balanced.

Prime Minister

I see. I'm out of touch with it really, Henry. What's the present position on the resolution? Is it going through tonight or what?

Dr. Kissinger

No, no. It's not going to come up till tomorrow. Are you in London?

Prime Minister

I'm in Sussex. I'm on holiday really.

Dr. Kissinger

I'm sorry.

Prime Minister

No. It's all right. I am in touch all right. But I haven't been following this one in particular except in the newspapers.

Dr. Kissinger

Well let me get you to 10 Downing Street what the state of the play in New York is, to supplement the African thing.

Prime Minister

I'll get No.10 to tell me what it is. And what is it you would like to do? Do you want a more moderate resolution?

Dr. Kissinger

I want our two sides to work together, either on a more moderate resolution or on a consensus if we could get negotiations between the Greeks and Turks started.

Prime Minister

Is there any chance of that?

Dr. Kissinger

I think so.

Prime Minister

What help have we got anywhere? Is it the EEC countries who are being difficult or what?

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Dr. Kissinger

It's the French who are pushing a very pro-Greek line.

Prime Minister

Ah, yes. Well they would, of course. Yes, I see. And what about the others?

Dr. Kissinger

We are not anti-Greek. We just don't see any point in humiliating the Turks right now.

Prime Minister

No. There's certainly no point in doing that. On the other hand the Greeks have been humiliated often enough.

Dr. Kissinger

We don't want to humiliate either of them.

Prime Minister

I agree.

Dr. Kissinger

What we would like is to get negotiations started, the ship to stop and some sort of formula where things can go forward.

Prime Minister

What's the line up? This is within the Security Council, is it?

Dr. Kissinger

That's right.

Prime Minister

What's the line up at the moment then? Anybody with the French?

Dr. Kissinger

You and the Italians.

Prime Minister

We're with the French, are we, at the moment?

Dr. Kissinger

That's right. But not in an aggressive way.

Prime Minister

No, I see. And what about the other members of the Security Council. Where do they stand?

Dr. Kissinger

Well I think they all would prefer that this thing would go away.

Prime Minister

The Soviet Union?

Dr. Kissinger

The Soviet Union is urging restraint on both sides.

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Prime Minister

Well that's helpful. Now, I'm not sure what answer it is you want me to give you. Do you want me to instruct Ivor Richards or someone to, or get the Foreign Office to instruct Ivor Richards?

Dr. Kissinger

With our people on a more moderate resolution.

Prime Minister

I see, all right.

Dr. Kissinger

Or at least make an effort to see whether we can get a resolution acceptable to both the Greeks and the Turks. And if we can't we may still have to choose.

Prime Minister

Yes. Well, I'll get his view taken of it. Ivor Richards is pretty able about these things.

Dr. Kissinger

He's very good.

Prime Minister

And he'll know - politically he's got good tips to his fingers. He'll know what can be done. And I'm sure he's got a general intention to work with you on these things.

Dr. Kissinger

No, we have no problem in New York.

Prime Minister

This problem of the Greeks and the Turks is a difficult one because none of us in the European Community like to look as though we are opposing the Greeks. You know, we all go round saying that we want them very badly as part of the Community. Everybody goes on on these lines.

Dr. Kissinger

But they do have a tendency to overplay their hands.

Prime Minister

That's right. Well I know they always did from 1945 onwards, and indeed before then. Righto Henry.

Dr. Kissinger

May I say a word about the African thing?

Prime Minister

Well now on this what I'll do is I'll get the Foreign Office to give me some views about it and what can be done and then who shall I get to get in touch with you? I'll find somebody to have a

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