

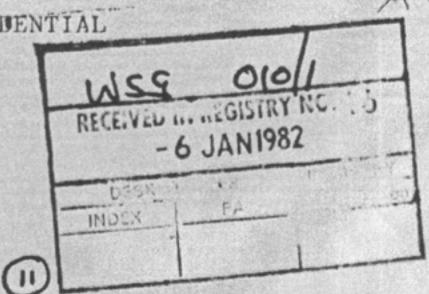


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MR PAPANDREOU AND THE DRINK PROBLEM



- 1. You minuted to Timothy Daunt on 11 December that Turkmen, when talking to the Secretary of State, had implied that Papandreou once had, and might still have, a drinking problem. I asked Iain Sutherland what he thought of this. He says that there were persistent stories about 2 years ago about a drinking problem. But less has been said about it recently. Apparently Papandreou still enjoys his whisky and his ouzo, but the Ambassador has never seen him the worse for wear or met anyone who claims to have done so.
- 2. Apparently Papandreou is in the habit of offering people who come to his office an ouzo instead of coffee and tends to take one himself. He apparently did this when the Turkish Ambassador called on him in Athens. This is probably the origin of the Turkmen story.
- 3. There are apparently stories that Papandreou's health is not too good in other ways and he is working at a very intense rate. There are no overt signs yet that he is cracking up with the strain.

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