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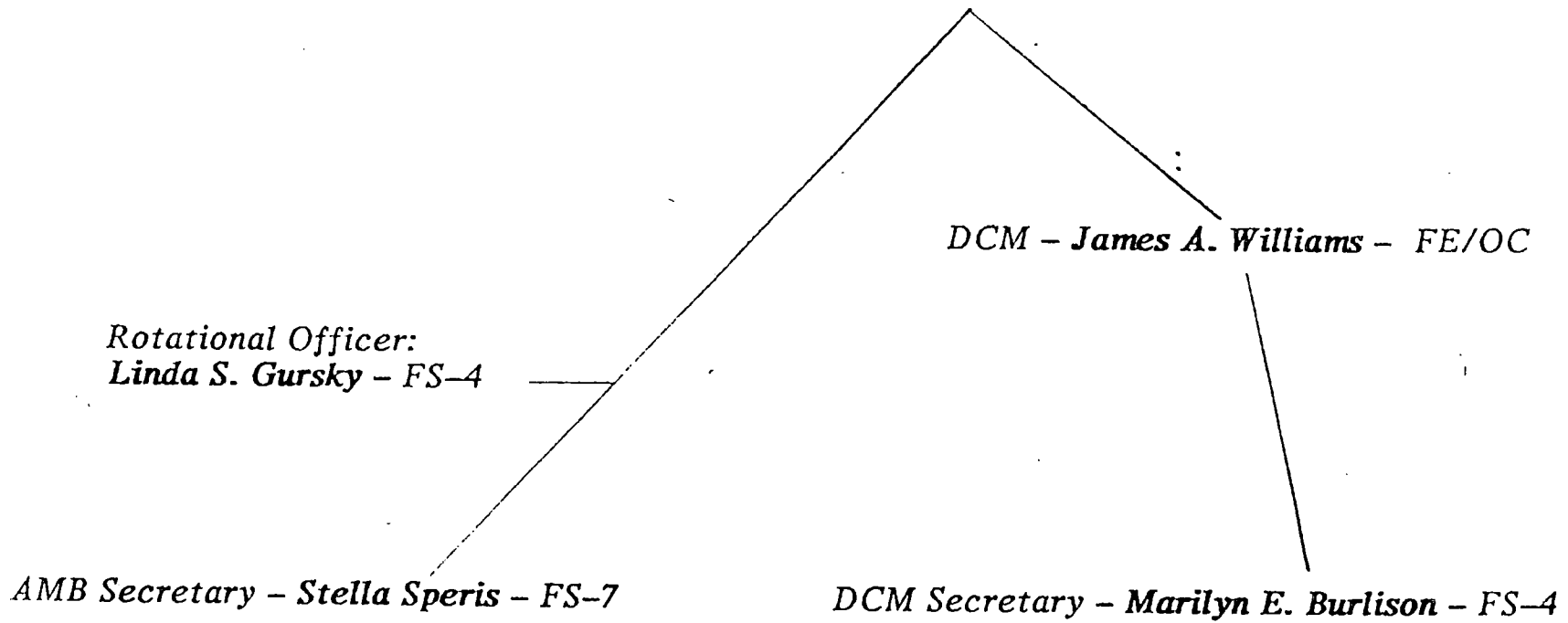
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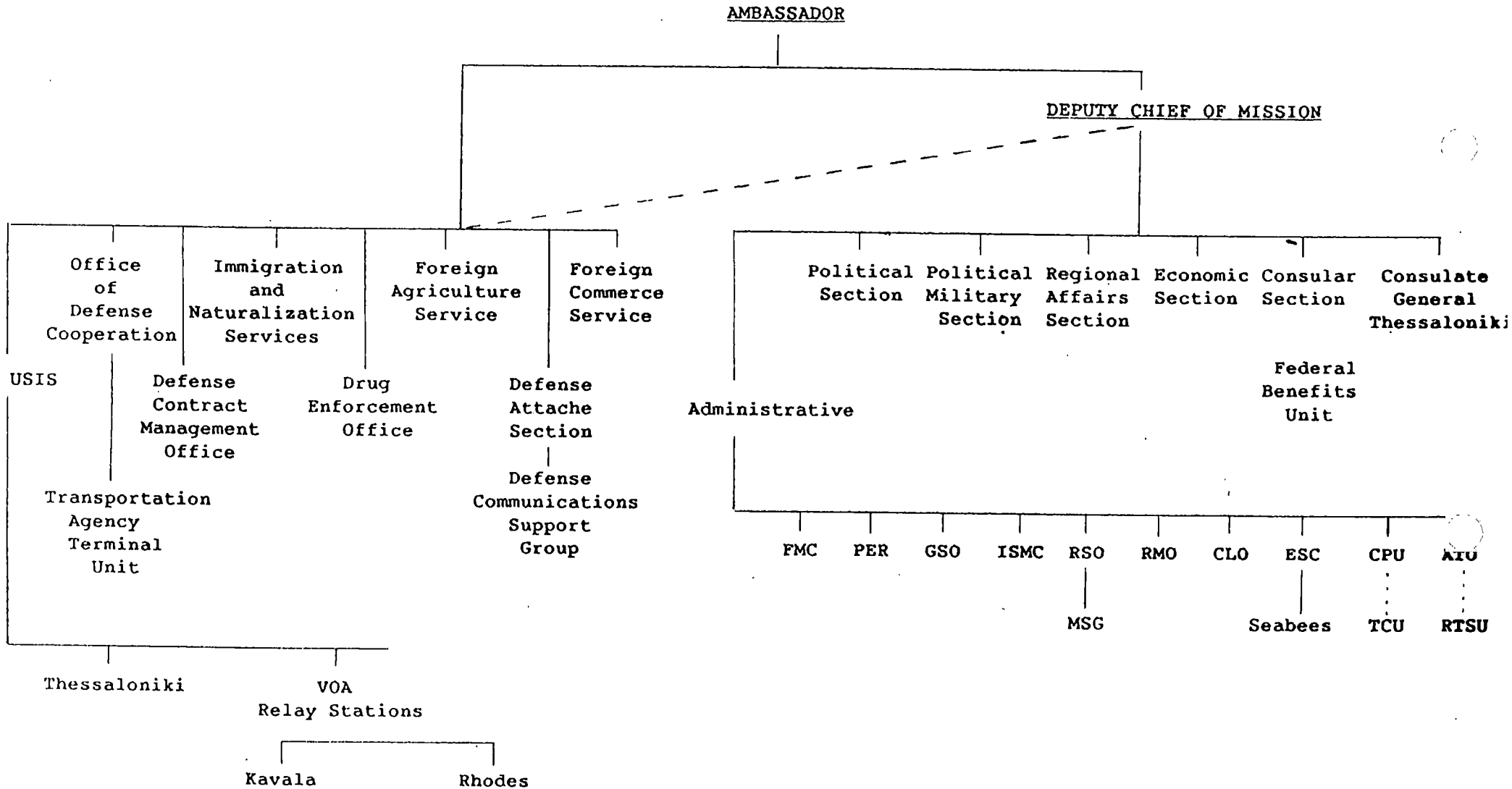
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AGRICULTURE	1	2	1FN
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DCMO	15	-	-
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AMERICAN MISSION IN GREECE



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NOTIONAL SCHEDULE FOR PRES. BUSH (OPTION 1)

July 17 - Wednesday

1830 - Arrival

Airport remarks

1845 - Depart for Amb's Residence (main party to the Hilton and GB Hotels)

1915 - 2015 - Freshen Up

2015 - Depart for Presidential Palace

2030 - Arrive Pres. Palace for State Dinner

2230 - Return to the Residence

July 18 - Thursday

0830 - Breakfast at Residence

0945 - Meet with President Karamanlis

1015 - Wreath Laying at Tomb of Unk. Soldier

1030 - Meet with Prime Minister Mitsotakis

1130 - Address Parliament

1200 - Depart for Embassy

1215 - Address Embassy employees in courtyard

1230 - Depart for Residence - freshen up

1300 - Lunch (to be determined)

1430 - Depart for American College of Greece - Honorary Degree and remarks.

1600 - Trip to the Acropolis (Possible side trip to Greek Agora)

1800 - Return to Residence

1830 - 1930 - Relax time

1930 - 2030 - Cocktails at Residence or tennis?

2030 - 2200 - Reciprocity Dinner Hosted by President (location  
TBD)

2200 - Trip to Lycabettos to view Athens by night?

July 19 - Friday

0730 - Breakfast

0815 - Depart for Airport

0850 - Depart for Ankara?  
Depart for Crete?

If Crete, 2/3 hours with Prime Minister before leaving for  
Ankara?

July 19 - Friday - Option 2

0730 - Breakfast

0830 - 11:30 - Trip to Corinth or Sounion (depending on what  
trips were made on Thursday)

11:30 - Depart for airport

12:00 - Wheels up!



*Embassy of the United States of America*

June 4, 1991

Welcome to Athens! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant and productive stay here. As Ambassador, I take seriously my responsibility to continue the positive trend in relations between the United States and Greece. While in Greece, you are also an "ambassador" who can contribute to our mission.

For assistance during your temporary visit or settling in period, do not hesitate to contact your sponsor or the Administrative Section at the Embassy.

Mrs. Sotirhos and I wish you a pleasant sojourn in Athens.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Sotirhos".

Michael Sotirhos  
Ambassador

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9 Panepistimiou Street  
Telephone 721-2951

The offices of the United States Information Service  
(USIS) and the Foreign Commercial Services (FCS) are located in  
the Annex Building (across from the side entrance to the  
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The USIS Library is located at:

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7206th Air Base Group	989-5513

## THE MISSION

### General

Although the United States of America had numerous official contacts with Greece from the earliest days of the Greek struggle for independence beginning in 1821, it was not until 1866 that regular diplomatic relations were established. In that year, the United States accredited Charles K. Tuckerman of New York as its first resident Minister and the American Legation at Athens was opened. From 1882 until 1905, the American Ministers were also accredited to the new states of Serbia and Romania. The Legation at Athens was forced to close on July 10, 1941, when the Axis occupied Greece and its legitimate government withdrew to London. Nevertheless a Minister, raised to Ambassador after 1942, continued to be accredited to the Greek-Government-in-exile, first in London and then in Cairo.

When the Greek Government returned to Athens with the victorious Greek and British forces in the fall of 1944, Ambassador Lincoln McVeagh returned with them and the post, now raised to the status of Embassy, was reopened. The Embassy was immediately called upon to play an important role in the rehabilitation of Greece and lent its assistance to numerous endeavors towards that end, such as the provision of emergency relief and participation in the observation of the critical Greek elections of 1946. Meanwhile guerrilla warfare was being waged throughout Greece as the Communists and their sympathizers attempted to seize power by force. By the late winter of 1947 the British, who were maintaining military forces in the country and providing economic assistance to Greece and Turkey, felt their war-depleted resources inadequate to the task. In early March 1947 they therefore gave notice of their inability to continue their support of Greece and Turkey. Fearing that British withdrawal would mean the defeat of the Government forces by the Communists, the Government of Greece appealed to the United States for economic, technical and military assistance. Within a few days, on March 12, President Truman requested Congress to appropriate funds on an emergency basis for the support of Greece and Turkey. On May 22 Congress enacted the necessary legislation and the United States aid program was launched.

U.S. military and economic aid to Greece since the immediate postwar period has totalled over \$4 billion. This assistance helped Greece to recover from almost ten years of war, occupation and civil strife, and to establish a base for sustained economic growth. Economic assistance focussed particularly on infrastructure projects - e.g. the restoration

and development of the agricultural sector; transportation, power and communications projects; the establishment of key industries; and foreign exchange support to assist Greece in the importation of essential machinery and raw materials. As Greece effectively utilized these resources, most economic aid programs to Greece were phased out by 1962. Security assistance has continued under arrangements growing out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which Greece joined in 1952.

### Military

The Office of Defense Cooperation - Greece (ODC/GR), consisting of a Headquarters and Security Assistance, Bilateral Affairs, and Services and Support Divisions, carries out the U.S. Security Assistance and other defense related programs. Staffing includes members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. ODC/GR works closely with the Greek defense establishment and also acts as an intermediary between U.S. and Greek military components. The ODC/GR history dates back to 1947 when the United States assisted Greece in suppressing an active communist insurgency. In recent years, ODC/GR has assisted Greece in modernizing her armed forces, and administering the U.S. Foreign Military Sales and International Military Education and Training Programs in Greece.

### USIS

The U.S. Information Service in Greece is an element of the U.S. Information Agency, whose mission is to help achieve United States foreign policy objectives through media and cultural programs.

USIS Greece serves as the public affairs outlet of the American Mission. It performs its function through its two principal divisions, the Information Section and the Cultural Affairs Section.

The Information Section works with Greek media--press, radio and television--to provide information about the United States Government, foreign policy and American government action on issues of importance. It also reports the way in which issues of importance to the U.S. are viewed by the Greek media.

Radio/Television - As of October 1987, authority to operate national radio and TV broadcasting in Greece was vested in one legal entity, ERT S.A. This public corporation is the result of a merger between two previously independent networks, known as ERT-1 and ERT-2. The new entity operates two national

television channels, ET-1 and ET-2, and four radio channels. ERT S.A. is state-owned and -operated. Supervision is exercised by the Minister to the Prime Minister. Since January 1988, the law has permitted the establishment of local non-GOG radio stations and, since October 1989, the establishment of local non-GOG TV stations. According to law, supervision of radio and Television is exercised by the National Broadcasting Council. In practice, however, the development of these media is proceeding in an anarchic fashion, subject only to economic and political considerations.

The Cultural Affairs Section administers the educational exchange program, the cultural program, the United States Information Service (USIS) American libraries in Greece, and USIS programs at the Bi-National Center, the Hellenic American Union.

Educational Exchange. The Fulbright Program in Greece from its inception in 1948 through 1989 has financed and administered more than 4,700 exchanges of Greek/American scholars. In addition, over 1,500 Greek students at American sponsored schools in Greece, such as the Athens College, have received full or partial grant scholarships from that institution. In fiscal year 1989-90, the allocation of the Fulbright program totalled \$526,000. More than 335 Greek professionals representing a host of disciplines have visited the U.S. to meet and exchange information with their counterparts under the International Visitors Program since the program began in 1950.

Cultural Program. The Cultural Program of USIS includes cultural presentations sponsored by USIA - lectures, concerts, art exhibits, plays, film showings, and other programs of cultural and educational interest. Many of these are presented at the Bi-National Center.

Hellenic American Union (HAU). The HAU is a bi-national center located at 22 Massalias Street in central Athens, near the French and Goethe Institutes and the University of Athens. Its 7-story building was designed by Doxiadis and its construction funded by USAID.

The HAU, founded 30 years ago by Greeks and Americans, with active participation from the Embassy community, is a non-profit private Greek organization with the purpose of promoting better relations between Greeks and Americans. For a very nominal fee, members of the Embassy community may join the HAU thereby gaining the opportunity to voice their opinions in the conduct of its affairs and receive monthly updates on its cultural events.

The HAU is a cultural and education center. Its most active cultural season runs from October to June and includes

films, concerts, art shows, lectures and theatrical performances.

HAU courses are for adults. Over 3,000 students study English as a foreign language every trimester and another 200, modern Greek. Greek classes range from beginning through advanced and include a special preparatory course for foreigners planning to take the University of Athens language proficiency examination.

In addition to foreign language courses, the HAU has offered a variety of classes on Greek culture and creative arts: cinematography, theater, weaving, ceramics restoration, gemology, Greek art history, Greek cinema, drawing and painting, creative writing journalism, computer operations, and business administration.

The HAU also houses the Clary Thompson Reading Room with a lending collection of approximately 8,000 books in Greek and 1,600 books in English about Greece.

For further information about the HAU please call the Executive Director., (tel: 363-3167 or Embassy extension 213).

USIS Library. The USIS American Library in Athens is located at the Hellenic American Union and holds about 10,888 volumes and 175 periodicals. A branch library, which has 5,572 volumes and 80 periodicals, is located in Thessaloniki. More than 350 people visit the Athens Library daily: approximately three-quarters are university students. The libraries provide many reference services for educators, government institutions, scientific and professional organizations.

### VOICE OF AMERICA

Greece is also the site for VOA transmitters beaming broadcasts to much of the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Asia. These are located on Rhodes and near Kavala.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

##### General

The post's Health and Medical Information Report is included in your Welcome Kit. Be sure to keep your copy

readily available for use at home. If you are planning a trip and your children are not accompanying you, it is necessary to fill out a power of attorney form with the names of responsible adults who will be guardians for your children while you are away. This form is needed to facilitate medical care in the event of an emergency. These forms can be obtained from the Consular Section or the Personnel Office.

#### Medical Unit

The Embassy has a medical unit staffed by a Regional Medical Officer, a full-time registered nurse and a medical/lab technologist. The office provides all types of immunizations (except yellow fever), first aid and simple medication for the staff and the dependents of American personnel. The medical unit (ext. 222/223) is open from 8:30 to 17.00. Walk-ins are accepted in the mornings between 8.30 and 12.45. Appointments may be made in the afternoons from 14.00 to 17.00. The office is closed from 13.00 to 14.00 except for emergencies which will be cared for at any time. Allergy shots are given only when a physician is present and should be arranged well in advance.

#### Federal Employees Health Benefit Plans

If you are not already enrolled in one of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plans and wish to enroll, or wish to change enrollment, check with the Personnel Office, Room 223, for information and claim forms. Employees are eligible for change in enrollment due to transfers between the U.S. and overseas posts, gain/loss of dependents, or during the Open Season.

#### Injuries on the Job

All injuries on-the-job should be reported immediately to the Personnel Office, Room 223, whose responsibility it is to provide the supervisor with necessary forms for making a report of injury. Benefits are provided under the Federal Employee's Compensation Act for disability or death resulting from personal injuries sustained in the performance of duty. The General Services Officer responsible for the Embassy Safety Program must also be informed of injuries on the job resulting from accidents.

#### CURRENCY

The official unit of currency is the drachma (dr.). The exchange rate changes daily. Call Bank of America ext. 243 for the current rate. Drachmae are issued in paper notes of 50, 100, 500 1,000 and 5,000 drs. and in coins of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 drs.

## Embassy Accommodation Exchange Service

Bank of America

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

For assigned personnel cashing personal checks is limited to official American personnel. Limitations are \$50.00 minimum, \$500.00 maximum in U.S. dollars and \$1,000.00 maximum in drachmae or a combination of drachmae and dollars with the dollars not exceeding \$500.00 of the \$1,000.00. Persons needing to cash checks greater than \$1,000.00 must get approval from the Financial Management Officer. TDY personnel are limited to \$200.00 per day for personal checks or travellers checks.

Employees should complete a power-of-attorney form for dependents over 21. Accommodation exchange for dependents is not authorized without a power-of-attorney from the employee.

## Embassy Cashier

Hours of operation for cash payments and other transactions (excluding accommodation exchange service) are from 9:00 to 10:00 and 15:00 - 16:00 at the Chancery, second floor, room 217, Monday through Friday.

Tameion:

Fridays 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the individual's responsibility to keep his/her passport up-to-date. Diplomatic and official passports are issued for five years. After five years a new passport should be obtained through the Embassy Consular Section. It is advisable to submit requests three months in advance.

Multiple-entry Greek visas are required by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for all diplomatic and official passport holders. If you do not have a valid visa, bring your passport to the Personnel Office, Room-228. Passports are forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The visa will take approximately 10 to 15 days.

The WAGONS-LITS travel agent, (Located in the motor pool building on the Embassy compound, Ext. 444) obtains visas to enter foreign countries for both official and personal travel of U.S. Government personnel. Generally, this service is limited to those foreign countries having diplomatic and consular representation within Greece.

Personnel who resign from the Foreign Service and remain in Greece or abroad for an indefinite period of time are required to exchange their diplomatic or official passports for regular passports.

## COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE (CLO)

The Community Liaison Office is located in the Embassy Annex, at 8 Makedonon Street, across the street from the side entrance to the Embassy. The CLO has guidebooks and files with information on social, recreational and other activities. It also operates a small library and has a selection of catalogs which can be borrowed. Call ext. 237 or go and consult the resource materials. CLO hours are 9:00 - 16:00 unless otherwise announced.

## EWSA (Embassy Welfare and Services Association)

EWSA will, for a small fee pay your utility bills, take your film for processing and sell you traveller's checks and bus tickets. They also operate a well stocked video library. Rental cars are also available throughout the year. Their office, video library and a small convenience store are located in the chancery basement. Their facilities are available to all official employees and their families.

EWSA hours are:

Office of Video Library	9:00 - 16:30
Convenience store	11:00 - 17:30

## GREEK LANGUAGE TRAINING

It has been said that we best learn to understand another culture through the language. This is especially true in Greece. Though few of us become fluent in this difficult language without intensive training, a basic knowledge of Greek is extremely helpful and all Embassy employees and their dependents are encouraged to take language lessons either at the Embassy or at other training centers or schools.

Greek Language training at the Embassy utilizes the Foreign Service Institute method. Students are entitled to 100 hours of instruction depending on budgetary limitations. Priorities for receiving FSI funded language training at post are:

1. Employees in Language Designated Positions who have not yet achieved the designated level.
2. Employees on language probation
3. Employees requiring minimum knowledge of Greek for their jobs

Due to the present shortage of funds, dependents are not eligible for training in the post language program during the 1991 fiscal year. There are however, lists of alternative schools and private tutors available in the CLO office. For more information on the Post Language Program contact the Post Language Officer through the Personnel Office, ext. 260/254.

Other language training facilities in the Athens area are:

The Hellenic American Union (HAU)  
22, Massalias, Tel 362-9886

The Athens Center (near the Embassy)  
Archimidous 48, Pangrati, Tel 701-2286

Athens College (Filothei)  
Tel 671-4621/671-4942

University of La Verne  
Corner of Xenias and Artemidos, Kifissia, Tel 801-0111

Please note that language training at these facilities is a personal expense and not reimbursable by the U.S. Government.

#### Conduct of American Employees

Specific rules and regulations with regard to the conduct of American employees abroad are found in Department and Agency regulations. The basic rules are that American employees are obligated to obey the laws of the country in which they are assigned, to observe the rules of ethical and courteous conduct in their official and personal lives, and to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with American principles of justice and democracy.

Restrictions placed on American employees in the matter of speeches, interviews, writing for publication, official and private correspondence, participation in the activities of private organizations, political activities abroad, acceptance of gifts, and economic and financial activities shall also apply to those members of the family of the employee, including the alien spouse, who normally reside with and are dependent on him/her.

An employee shall be held to strict accountability for the action of members of his/her family. Members of the family of an American employee shall avoid expressing views which are unfriendly to, or critical of the United States, its Government, institutions, or people, either to or in the presence of other persons of foreign nationality. They shall, in addition, refrain from engaging in, or associating closely with groups of people or organizations engaged in activities which are inimical or embarrassing to the Government of the United States. Failure on their part to observe these restrictions may, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, result in the dismissal of the principal.

Notwithstanding immunities and exemptions, the Embassy expects each person to observe local laws and regulations designed to maintain good order and the safety of the public, such as traffic regulations, and to comply with customs regulations.

## Some Greek Laws Affecting Mission Employees

### Greek Identity Cards

All American personnel attached to the American Mission, including spouses and children, are required to carry a Greek identity card which is issued by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Upon arrival, personnel of the American Mission and their dependents, stationed with them, are required to apply to the Personnel Office, Room 223, for Greek identity cards.

Upon departure from Greece all personnel and dependents must return their official Greek identity cards to the Personnel Office, Room 223. Embassy access cards will be returned to the Security Office, Room 236. If personnel are leaving Greece on vacation or home leave and plan to return, the Personnel Assistant, Room 223, will issue a statement to be used in lieu of the Greek identity card, which will be kept in the Personnel Office until you return to Athens.

A similar statement for your car (if the car is included in your passport) must be obtained from the Vehicle Registration Office, Room 211, prior to your departure from Greece at any time and for any reason.

### Alien's Residence Permit (not for Mission members)

After three month's stay in Greece, visitors must report to the Alien's Bureau with three passport-size pictures to apply for an Alien's Residence Permit. Registration, stamps cost 300 drachmae.

### Restrictions on sale of privately owned vehicles (POVs)

There is no restriction on import of POVs by diplomats. Nor are there any restrictions on the sale of POVs to other diplomats. Sales to Greek nationals or others who do not have tax-free privileges are practically impossible due to the extremely high taxes that are charged when such a sale takes place. The Greek Government has informed all Diplomatic

Missions that departing personnel wishing to sell their POVs must do so prior to their departure. No employee may leave another person their vehicle and a power of attorney authorizing the other person to sell the vehicle after the employee's departure. If the employee cannot sell the vehicle prior to departure, he/she must donate the vehicle to either the Greek Customs authorities or to the Embassy, or arrange for the vehicle's export. The Embassy is not permitted to act as the employee's agent in the sale of the vehicle.

#### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

See the Personnel Office for information regarding:

Federal Employee's Health Benefit Program	(Room-223)
Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance	(Room-223)
FARA (Foreign Affairs Recreation Association)	(Room-223)
Medical and Emergency Visitation Travel	(Room-223)
Educational Travel Orders	(Room-219)
Medical Travel Orders	(Room-219)
Residence & Dependency Report	(Room-219)
Post Language Program	(Room-212)

Automobile Insurance: Consult Vehicle Registration, Room-211

Telephone: Brochures on AT&T's "U.S. Direct" and MCI's "Calling Card", which are very convenient for calling to the United States, are available from the Admin Office (Room 231).

#### Embassy Newsweekly

##### Hermes

Current information will be found in the Embassy's weekly newsletter, The Hermes, distributed each Friday. It contains official and unofficial news of interest to U.S. Government employees. The unofficial news covers a range of subjects from cultural and church activities to "Lost and Found" and "For Sale" ads. Material for publication in the Hermes must be submitted to the Personnel Office, Room 228, by COB on Tuesday.

##### Dionysus Lounge

The Dionysus Lounge, in the basement of the Chancery, may be reserved for personal parties or special functions. Call BMU to make reservations.

##### Notarial Services

Birth registration for children born in Greece and notarial services may be accomplished at the Consular Section of the Embassy. Fees will be determined by existing Foreign Service regulations.

## GREECE

### Geography

Greece is a peninsula jutting out into the Eastern Mediterranean, bounded on three sides by the sea - the Aegean, Ionian and Cretan Seas - and on the fourth by Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

The total area of Greece is 50,270 square miles (roughly the size of Alabama). This includes, in addition to continental Greece, 437 islands, large and small, of which only 134 are inhabited. These islands fall into a number of groups of which the principal are the Ionian Islands, the Cyclades, the Aegean Islands, and the Dodecanese. Largest of the islands is Crete (3,234 sq. miles). The peninsula of the Peloponnesos is an artificial island, being separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal.

Greece has the longest coast line of any country in Europe. The coast is extremely indented, with large gulfs running deep into the mainland. Greece is thus mainly a maritime country, with a large seafaring population.

The physical geography of Greece has had a great influence on its history. The mainland consists of a large number of small valleys and plains isolated from each other by mountain ranges, the largest of which is the Pindus range; hence the development in ancient Greece of the city states. As there are few places in Greece which are distant from the sea, communication between various parts of the country was by sea rather than overland.

Greece is largely mountainous, with very little flat land. Only 25% is arable land under cultivation; roughly 40% can be used as pasture land for grazing of goats and sheep; and 35% is wholly unsuited for cultivation. Timber resources are very limited, and are confined largely to the northwest in the Pindus range. The principal flat lands are the plains of Boeotia, Thessaly, Central and Eastern Macedonia and Thrace. These are the main wheat-producing regions. The rest of the arable land is in the foothills, the soil of which is well suited for the growing of tobacco, grapes, olives and fruit. Cotton of good quality is grown both on the plains and in the hills, wherever irrigation is available.

Greece has no navigable rivers. The main rivers are in the north and have their source in the neighboring countries to the north. In the spring, when the rivers are swollen from the melting snow in the Balkans, there is danger of floods, which often damage much of the adjoining countryside.

## People

Current estimates place the population of Greece at 10.1 million. A large part of this population, over 3 million, is concentrated in the Athens metropolitan area which includes Piraeus. The next most important city is Thessaloniki (Salonica) with a population of approximately 1,000,000.

The rural population amounts to approximately 30 percent of the total. Farms are small, as the land has been much subdivided, the average being two acres per family.

The bulk of the population, about 98 percent, is Greek speaking, although a small part of the population is bilingual, speaking principally Turkish. Greek is used for business and official purposes. Among those of non-Greek origin, however, virtually all the children have learned to speak Greek, which is compulsory in the schools.

## Religion

Ninety-six percent of the population professes the Orthodox faith, the remaining four percent being divided between Roman Catholics, Protestants, Moslems, Jews and Gregorian Armenians. The Greek Constitution guarantees freedom of religion and all the non-Orthodox communities have their own churches and ecclesiastical authorities.

Since the days of Constantine the Great, the first Roman Emperor to espouse Christianity, the relationship between church and state has been an intimate one, and the tie between the Greek people and their church is very close. During the four centuries of Turkish domination, the church, in a large sense, became the repository of Greek learning.

The Service of the Orthodox Church, known as the Divine Liturgy, is beautiful and impressive, as is the choral singing in the larger churches.

## History of Greece

Classical Greece was a conglomeration of city states, kingdoms, and democracies, and its achievements in the field of learning are world-renowned.

Classical Greece reached its cultural, political and colonial zenith in the 5th century B.C. By 46 B.C. it was reduced to a province of the Roman Empire, although Greek

values continued to permeate that Empire for centuries. When the eastern half of the Empire became separately organized with its capital in Constantinople, it formally adopted Greek manners, language, and theology.

Through much of the Byzantine era, including the some 400-year occupation of Greece by the Turks, the central Greek mainland was a backward area. There were, however, important commercial and trade towns in northern Greece at this time, and the Greek islands always preserved their important maritime tradition.

The history of modern Greece begins in 1830 when, after a seven-year struggle (1821-1828) for freedom from Ottoman rule, the first independent Greek state in modern times was established under the guarantee of the three protecting powers -- Great Britain, France and Russia. The frontiers of the new nation were drawn just north of Lamia.

Greek foreign policy in subsequent years was directed towards retrieving its territories which still were under foreign occupation. In 1864, Great Britain ceded to Greece the Ionian Islands which had been a British protectorate since 1815, and for four centuries before that, part of the republic of Venice. Thessaly was annexed from Turkey in 1881. After the Balkan Wars of 1912-13, Macedonia, Epirus, Crete and the Aegean Islands were returned to Greece. At the end of World War I, Bulgaria ceded Western Thrace (1919) and, finally, after World War II, Italy ceded the Dodecanese Islands (1947).

In 1919, Greek forces attempted to occupy Eastern Thrace and part of Asia Minor, but were repulsed in 1922 by the Turks under Ataturk. An agreement concluded in 1923 provided for an exchange of populations of the area which resulted in a mass influx of almost two million Greek refugees.

On October 28, 1940, Greece rejected an ultimatum from Italy and, when attacked, threw the Italians back into Albania. Nazi support, however, resulted in the defeat and occupation of Greece by Germans, Italians and Bulgarians. By the end of 1944, the invaders withdrew and the Greek government in exile returned to govern. A plebiscite in 1946 was in favor of the monarchy.

The attempts by Communists to gain control of the country after World War II resulted in civil war (1946-1949), which caused enormous damage to the country and delayed the work of reconstruction and rehabilitation. Instrumental in the final defeat of the Communist forces in 1949 was American aid as first enunciated in the Truman Doctrine in 1947.

Greece is a member of the United Nations, and contributed forces to the UN command during the Korean War. In 1952, Greece joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

After World War II and in the wake of its civil war, Greece was not on friendly terms with her Balkan neighbors. Relations improved first with Yugoslavia when, a year after its break with the Comintern and while the Greek civil war was in progress, Greece's northern neighbor closed its borders to Greek communist guerrillas. Subsequently Greece resumed normal diplomatic relations with Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania and has signed commercial agreements with them.

Greece's relations with Turkey, its largest and most important neighbor, have alternated historically between various periods of strain and cooperation (e.g. under Venizelos and Ataturk). Relations deteriorated seriously as a result of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in July 1974, and were further strained because of bilateral differences over the delimitation of the continental shelf and air space in the Aegean. The two countries are at present attempting to resolve these disputes through peaceful negotiation.

### History of Athens

Athens is one of the most ancient towns in Greece, a neolithic kernel which grew into a small Mycenaean town. Its Acropolis, which according to ancient legends was built by Kekrops, and was named Kekropia after him, had a king and a sovereign lord. One of these kings, Theseus, united the twelve hamlets of Attica and founded Athens which, up to the time of the death of Kodros, was ruled as a monarchy. After the death of Kodros, Athens was proclaimed a democracy. In 146 B.C., after a long and glorious history, Athens was conquered by the Romans. It maintained its spiritual leadership over the world, however, until the closing of its philosophical schools in the 6th century and the banning of its ancient temples in the 5th century.

From the 7th century A.D. until the 19th century Athens was a provincial town with little of the importance it had had in classical times or was to enjoy in modern times. It was a Byzantine town for centuries; then in 1204 the French seized Athens and it became the dukedom of Athens under De La Roche. The Catalans followed De La Roche and remained until 1457, when the city was conquered by the Turks. Athens was liberated from the Turkish rule after the Greek Revolution in 1821. In 1834 it was proclaimed the official capital of the newly founded Kingdom of Greece.

Until 1821, Athens was a small town confined to the north and the east foot of the Acropolis hill, much of which was destroyed during the war. A new town with wide roads was planned by the architect Stamatios Cleanthis in cooperation with the German architect Schubert. To the former, Athens owes many of its neoclassic buildings. Large buildings were erected, squares and avenues constructed and gardens planned, stretching the new town to the north and the west of its old site.

During the hundred years since then, Athens has undergone continued change; its population of 600,000 in 1935 has increased to about 3,027,000 people in greater Athens area today. Former suburbs have now joined the center of the town, forming a large metropolitan area spreading from Phaleron Bay and the port of Piraeus to the south slopes of Parnes and Pendeli, to the southeast foot of Mount Hymetus, and to the west of Mount Aegaleo and Korydalos. This huge city is interconnected and served by a network of roads and public transportation.

#### Important dates of Greek History

Circa 2000 BC	The Pelasgians, earliest known inhabitants of Greece
Circa 1500	The Hellenes
Circa 1194-84	Trojan War
776	Beginning of Olympiades
490-480	Second and Third Persian Expeditions against Greece
437-404	Peloponnesian wars
336-323	Rule of Alexander the Great
146	Destruction of Corinth. Greece and Macedonia united to form the Roman province of Macedonia
323-337 AD	Constantine the Great. Christianity becomes the state religion
395	Partition of the Roman Empire
805	Defeat of Slavs at Patras
966-967	Beginning of the schism between the Roman and the Eastern churches

1456	Athens captured by the Turks under Osman
1716	Peace of Passarovitz, confirming Turkish possession of the Morea (Peloponnesos)
1821	Beginning of Greek war of independence
1832	Second Protocol of London. Greece becomes an independent kingdom
1864	Great Britain cedes the Ionian Isles to Greece
1881	Turkey cedes Thessaly and part of Epirus to Greece
1912-1913	Balkan Wars
1940	Greece wins first Allied victory by routing Italian invasion
1941-1944	German Occupation
1944-1949	Communist uprising and guerrilla warfare
1947	Paul I becomes King
1950	Greece sends forces to Korea
1952	Greece joins NATO
1964	Constantine becomes King
4/21/67-7/23/74	Military Junta
July 1974	Return of democracy
November 1974	Elections, Prime Minister Karamanlis (New Democracy Party) wins a majority
12/18/74	Monarchy abolished by referendum
June 1975	New Greek constitution adopted
October 1981	Elections, PASOK party under Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou wins a majority
June 1985	Elections, PASOK party under Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou wins a majority
June 1989	Elections. New Democracy party wins but without a majority

GOVERNMENT

Greece is a presidential parliamentary republic.  
Constantinos Karamanlis is the President of the Republic.

Listed below are the ministers of the present government.

GOVERNMENT LIST

Prime Minister - Constantinos MITSOTAKIS

Deputy Prime Minister - Tzannis TZANNETAKIS

Deputy Prime Minister - Athanasios KANELLOPOULOS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Minister - Antonis SAMARAS

Alternate Minister - George PAPOULIAS

Ministry to the Prime Minister

Minister - Miltiadis EVERT

Ministry of Interior

Minister - Sotiris KOUVELAS

Ministry of National Defense

Minister - Ioannis VARVITSIOTIS

Alternate Minister - Alexandros PAPADONGONAS

Ministry of National Economy

Minister - Constantinos MITSOTAKIS

Alternate Minister - Elthimios CHRISTODOULOU

Ministry of Finance

Minister - Ioannis PALEOKRASSAS

Ministry of Agriculture

Minister - Michalis PAPACONSTANTINOU

Ministry of Labor

Minister - Aristidis KALANTZAKOS

Ministry of Health, Welfare and Social Security

Minister - Marietta YANNAKOU

Ministry of Justice

Minister - Athanasios KANELLOPOULOS

Ministry of Education and Religion  
Minister - Vassilis KONDOYANNOPOULOS

Ministry of Culture and Science  
Minister - Tzannis TZANNETAKIS  
Alternate Minister - Anna PSAROUDA-BENAKI

Ministry of Public Order  
Minister - Ioannis VASILIIDIS

Ministry of Environment, Town Planning and Public Works  
Minister - Stefanos MANOS  
Alternate - Achilleas KARAMANLIS

Ministry of Commerce  
Minister - Athanansios XARCHAS  
Alternate - Sotiris HATZIGAKIS

Ministry of Transport & Communications  
Minister - Nicolaos GELESTATHIS

Ministry of Merchant Marine  
Minister - Aristotelis PAVLIDIS

Ministry of Macedonia-Thrace  
Minister - George TZITZIKOSTAS

Ministry of the Aegean  
Minister - George MISAILIDIS

Ministry Without Portfolio  
Minister - Nikis THEODORAKIS

## ECONOMY

During 1968-1979 Greece's gross national product averaged a real growth rate of 6 percent annually. Greek GNP increased from \$8 billion to \$37 billion and on a per capita basis from \$914 to \$3,770. From 1980 to 1983, GNP at constant prices virtually stagnated. The Greek economy started to expand again in 1984, but the recovery lost momentum in 1985. In October 1985, the Greek Government changed its policy from an expansionary to a contractionary one, and it implemented a two-year stabilization program aimed at reducing the country's external and internal imbalances. GNP grew at about 0.7 percent in real terms in 1986 to dollars 39.3 billion, and the per capita income reached dollars 3,935. The continuation of the stabilization policies, aimed at reducing inflation and the public sector and current account deficits rather than expanding the economy, resulted in the economy stagnating in 1987. Economic activity picked up again in 1988 following the relaxation of the incomes policy. GNP grew at 3.5 percent. In 1989 there was further relaxation of the incomes policy in the first half of the year followed by more cautious policies adopted thereafter. GNP is expected to rise by about 2.5% in real terms to \$52.9 billion in 1989 with per capita income at about \$5,270.00. Greece, which before World War II was primarily rural, both socially and economically, now derives over 30 percent of its GNP from secondary production and about 15 percent from agriculture. About 40 percent of the population lives in Athens and Thessaloniki metropolitan areas. Along with rapid development have come new problems -- need for city planning, improved social services, including better vocational training and education, and environmental protection.

Greece became a member of the European Economic Community on January 1, 1981. The present Government has recognized that structural reforms in the economy are necessary to accommodate the adjustment involved in Greece's accession to the EC.

## HISTORICAL PLACES TO VISIT

### Places to visit in the Athens area

#### The Acropolis

The Acropolis is a rocky hill which rises to the south of the city, upon which Pericles built a number of monuments during the period 441 to 438 B.C. These monuments are:

#### The Propylaea

The Propylaea, the grandiose gateway, is one of the most famous monuments of classical Greek architecture. It was designed by Mnesicles, an architect of the 5th century B.C. It consists of three parts: a central gateway and two wings. The whole structure forms an imposing vestibule through which one enters the Acropolis.

#### The Temple of the Wingless Victory

The Athena Niki stands to the right of the Propylaea on a high platform. The Athena Niki is a graceful little temple with eight fine Ionic columns. The Temple was built in the fifth century B.C. to commemorate the Greek victory over the Persians.

#### The Parthenon

The Parthenon, the temple of the virgin goddess Athena and guardian of Athens, is the next imposing monument on the Acropolis. It is the most perfect specimen of Doric proportion and refinement, incorporating all the various subtleties of Greek architecture which were prevalent from the sixth century to the fourth century B.C. It stands on the foundations of an earlier temple, also of Athena, and is executed entirely in pentelic marble. The present temple was built under Pericles in 447-432 B.C. by the architects Ictinus and Callicrates and the sculptures on the pediments and the frieze were the works of Phidias or his school. The frieze is a low relief around the sanctuary proper representing various stages of the procession of the Panathenaea, a great festival held annually in honor of the goddess.

#### The Erechtheion

The Erechtheion, which lies north of the Parthenon, is an elegant example of the Ionic style of architecture. It has a unique and bold architectural feature on its south side -- a porch with six draped female figures (Caryatides) serving as

supports. One of the figures was removed by Lord Elgin and is now in the British Museum. The Erechtheion was begun in 421 and completed in 407 B.C. and stands on the site of the temple of Erechtheus, legendary king of Athens.

#### Theater of Dionysus

The theater of Dionysus lies on the south slope of the Acropolis. This theater was once the center of the dramatic activity of Athens where the masterpieces of the Greek tragedies were performed.

#### Theater of Herodus Atticus

The theater of Herodus Atticus was built in 160 A.D. by the eminent rhetorician whose name it bears and who did much through his philanthropy to enhance the glory of Athens. It was and is still used today for musical and dramatic performances. Most of the events of the Athens Festival of Music and Drama are held here every summer. The Theater accommodates 5,000 spectators.

#### The Philopappos Hill

The Philopappos hill lies to the west of the Acropolis and opposite its entrance. It is so named because of the sepulchral monument of a Syrian prince, Roman consul and Athenian magistrate, which was erected there between 114 and 116 A.D.

#### The Prison of Socrates

The prison of Socrates is a cave on the northwestern slope of the Acropolis.

#### The Pnyx

The Pnyx, a lower hill, was a meeting place of the Athenian citizen body.

#### The Areios Pagos

The Areios Pagos is the site where the oldest Council of Athens met from the fifth century onwards. It was from the Areios Pagos that the Apostle Paul preached the sermon of the "Unknown God" to the Athenians in 54 A.D.

## The Agora

The Agora, which has been excavated by the American School of Classical Studies, lies to the northwest of the Acropolis. It was the center of public life where the public business of the city was conducted. The Stoa of Attalos is on the eastern boundary of the Agora. The original Stoa was built in the second century A.D. by King Attalos II and was used to house fashionable shops and business offices. It presently contains all of the interesting archaeological finds of the Agora.

## The Thesseion

The Thesseion is a Doric temple of the fifth century B.C. dedicated to the god of arts and crafts. The Thesseion stands on a slight elevation to the west of the Agora.

## The Dipylon Gate

The Dipylon Gate lies beyond Thesseion. Much of the traffic between Athens and Piraeus passes through this Gate.

## The Ceramicos

The Ceramicos is the chief cemetery of the city which dates from the early Bronze Age and late Mycenaean times until the fourth and fifth centuries B.C.

## Hadrian's Arch

Hadrian's Arch is an isolated gateway at the end of Vassilissis Amalias Avenue. The Arch marked the boundary line between ancient Athens and the city of Hadrian.

## The Monument of Lysicrates

The monument of Lysicrates is a small, circular building of marble of the fourth century B.C.

## The Temple of Olympian Zeus

The temple of Olympian Zeus was begun in the sixth century B.C. and completed several hundred years later during Hadrian's reign. Because of its size and its magnificence, it was regarded as one of the wonders of the ancient world comparable to the Pyramids. It was destroyed first by the invasion of the Goths in the fourth century A.D. and later, during the Middle Ages, most of its marble was plundered and used as building material.

### The Modern Stadium

The Modern Stadium was built in 1895 of white marble on the site of the ancient Panathenaic Stadium.

### The Athens Cathedral

The Athens Cathedral is the principal modern Greek Orthodox church where all official functions are held. Next to the Athens Cathedral stands an old Byzantine Church, which is one of the smallest of the churches built in the style of a cathedral.

### Historical Places Outside of Athens

#### Delphi

About 100 miles northwest of Athens, it is reached by commercial tourist bus or car. Beautifully situated on the slopes of Mount Parnassus at an altitude of 2,000 feet, Delphi is world famous as the site of the Oracle of Pythia and contains excavated ruins of many ancient monuments, including the Temple of Apollo, and masterpieces of sculpture, among them the Bronze Charioteer.

#### Epidavros

About 92 miles southwest of Athens, Epidavros is noted for its Sanctuary of Asclepios -- an ancient health resort. Of interest are the Tholos, the Stadium and a well-preserved open-air theater with remarkable acoustics, where from June to September the "Epidavria" Festival takes place with excellent productions of classical Greek drama and comedy.

#### Sounion

About an hour by car south from Athens, you can go one way along a beautiful shore route and return by an inland route through the rich Attic plain. This is the site of the Temple of Poseidon set on a hill overlooking the Aegean Sea. There is a tourist pavilion and a restaurant there.

#### Corinth

An ancient city where St. Paul delivered sermons to the Corinthians, is situated near the Isthmus of Corinth about an hour and a half by road or train west of Athens. There are remains dating from the ancient Greek, Roman and Byzantine periods. Chief points of interest are the Temple of Apollo, the fountains of Pirene, the agora, odeum, theater and museum.

## Olympia

Olympia is reached by diesel train or car and is about 200 miles west of Athens. Located in a beautiful, serene area, it is an ancient religious center with the stadium where the Olympic Games were held. The Hermes of Praxiteles is among the beautiful pieces of sculpture found in the local museum.

## Other places of interest are

Daphni	Byzantine mosaics	9	kms from Athens
Eleusis	Ancient mysteries	20	" " "
Marathon	Battle monument	42	" " "
Mycenae	Center of ancient civilization	130	" " "
Knossos	Center of Minoan civilization		on the island of Crete

## ISLANDS

In addition to the better known and larger Greek islands such as Crete, Rhodes and Corfu, which can be reached by boat or plane, there are also innumerable smaller islands such as Aegina, Poros, Hydra, Spetses, Mykonos, Delos, Santorini, Kos, Paros, Mytelene, Thassos, Skiathos, Skopelos, Zakynthos, Cephalonia, Chios and Samos, which offer pleasant day or weekend travel. Each island has an atmosphere distinctly its own.

Functional Directory

## CHURCHES

### English Language Religious Services in Athens

Hellenikon Air Force base - tel 989-5293/4

As the closure of the Hellenikon base progresses the schedules of the religious services are subject to frequent changes and it is not practical to attempt to list them here. For accurate information on times call the above telephone number. The following denominations are represented at this time (November 1990): Protestant, Catholic, Latter Day Saints, Assembly of God, Greek Orthodox and Jewish.

St. Andrew's (Protestant Interdenominational) - tel 652-1401  
18 Tsaldari Pan. St, Kifissia - Sunday 0900.  
66 Sina Athens - Sunday 1115.

St. Paul's (Ang./Episcopal)- 29 Filellinon, Athens; tel. 721-4906  
Sunday 0800 communion; 0900 family communion; 1030 morning prayer. First Sunday in month 1000 family communion. First and Third Sundays: 1800 at Holy Apostles, Voula (see Catholic).

St. Peter's (Anglican/Episcopalian) - 801-0879/807-5335  
Services at St. Catherine's School, Acharnon, Kato Kifissia  
Sunday 1000.

Grace Baptist Church 71 Grammou, Haroussi; tel. 807-8866  
Sunday 1100 and 1800; Sunday School 1000; Wednesday 1900.

Trinity Baptist Church 58 Vouliagmenis; tel. 895-0165  
Sunday 1100 and 1800; Sunday School 0945; Wednesday Bible Study 1900.

The Crossroads (International Christian Center) -30 Kessarias, Ambelokipi, Athens; tel. 770-5829/801-7062  
Sunday 1000; Wednesday Bible Study 1930.

### Roman Catholic Churches

St. Paul's - 4 Kokkinaki, Kifissia; tel. 883-5911 (emerg. 881-6330)  
Saturday 1800; Sunday 0830 and 1130 (in English)

St Denis Cathedral - 22 Panepistimiou, Athens; tel. 362-3603  
Saturday 1800; Sunday 0800, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1600 (in Greek)

St. John the Baptist 11 Papanastasiou, Paleo Psychico; tel. 671-1410  
Sunday 1000 and 1800 (in Greek)

Church of the Holy Apostles - 77 Alkyonidon, Voula; tel. 895-8694  
Saturday 1900; Sunday 1000 and 1800.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Listed below are some of the Organizations and Clubs available for membership:

American Red Cross  
American Women's Organization of Greece (AWOG)  
Boy Scouts of America  
Cross Cultural Association  
Girl Scouts of America  
Hellenic American Union  
Lions  
Multi-National Women's Democrats Abroad  
Liberation Organization  
Newcomers  
Parent Teacher Association (TASIS, ACS)  
Propeller Club  
Republicans Abroad  
Rotary  
International Club in Kifisia

## Church Organizations

Catholic Women's Guild  
Catholic Youth Organization  
Protestant Women of the Chapel  
Saint Andrew's Women's Guild  
Saint Ann's Sodality  
American Jewish Community Group

## DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES

Domestic help in Greece is quite expensive. A few people with many representational responsibilities employ full time help but most do not. Athens is a very dusty and polluted city and homes generally need more attention than you would normally give them in the States. To offset this many employees like to have a maid once or twice a week. Maids generally work from 4 - 6 hours a day. Many of the maids are Philippina. Many of the good and reliable domestic employees rotate from departing personnel to other mission employees. Ask your associates for recommendations or check the Hermes for advertisements of maids seeking employment.

In accordance with GOG policies an employee of a Diplomatic Mission in Greece may employ non-Greek household workers who have been employed or are employed by another Diplomatic Mission employee and have valid residence permits.

An employee of a Diplomatic Mission may also sponsor a non-Greek household worker by accepting the responsibility for bringing the worker into, and repatriating from, Greece.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced important procedures regarding the employment of Non-Greek Household Workers. Other arrangements for the employment of non-Greek household workers by Diplomatic Mission employees are in violation of GOG policies. Mission employees who plan to employ non-Greek maids or houseboys are urged to contact Personnel for current regulations and information.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The city has many theaters, cinemas and an opera house. (English language movies are shown in the original form and subtitled in Greek). Athens has an opera company and a State symphony orchestra.

### Cinemas

Most Athens cinemas show films in the original language with Greek subtitles. Traditionally the cinemas close during the hot summer months and outdoor theaters open up. Acoustics in outdoor cinemas are usually poor. Movie listing in English can be found in the daily newspaper "Athens News". Some of the local cinemas are:

Aello	140 Patission Street
Alexandra	79 Patission Street
Anessis	24 Kifissias Avenue
Asty	4 Korai Street
Astron	37 Kifissias Avenue
Athina	122 Patission Street
Athinaion	124 Vassilissis Sophias Ave.
Attika	3 Amerikis Square, Patission
Attikon	19a Stadiou Street
Apollon	19 Stadiou Street
Embassy	Kolonaki Square
Ilissia	4 Papadiamantopoulou Street
Orpheus	44 Stadiou Street
Pallas	1 Voukourestiou Street
Radio City	240 Patission Street
Rex	40 Elefth. Venizelou Street

### Opera

The National Opera company performs in the winter and takes part in the Athens Festival which attracts opera companies from abroad. The program is found in the "The Athenian" and tickets may be obtained from the theater.

Olympia Theater	46 Akademias Street
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## Summer Theaters

The Athens Festival is held every year from June to September. It is comprised of a vast program of performing arts ranging from Greek tragedy to modern dance and rock groups. The festival takes place at three locations:

Herodus Atticus	South slope of the Acropolis
Lycabettus Theater	Top of Lycabettus Hill
Epidaurus Theater	94 miles from Athens in the Peloponnese

Another summer evening entertainment:

Sound and Light	Pnyka Hill, Acropolis
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## Art Galleries

Art exhibitions are held at many galleries and cultural centers in Athens. The National Gallery of Art, opposite the Hilton hotel, on Vasilissis Konstantinou, contains a collection of works by Greek painters. Listings of special exhibitions can be found in the "Athenian".

## Ballet and Dance

There is an Athens Ballet Company which usually performs during the winter in the Rialto Theater, Kypseli. International companies are featured in the Athens Festival. There are also a number of folk dance groups, the most famous of which is the Dora Stratou Dance Company which performs at the theater on Philopappou Street (opposite the Acropolis) during summer.

## Radio and TV

AM and FM radio reception is good. Few English-language programs are on standard broadcast, but local stations offer a variety of good musical programs, both classical and modern. The Voice of America broadcasts by short-wave in Greek and in English; London BBC can also be picked up on short-wave radios. Neighboring countries' stations can sometimes be picked up on standard broadcast. Daily news is broadcast in English on several Greek radio stations.

In addition to the three government-owned and operated channels, (ET1 and ET2 in Athens, ET3 in Thessaloniki) Greece has several new stations (Mega, Antenna, The New Channel) that offer a variety of American and foreign sitcoms, cartoons, movies and documentaries. PASOK also owns and operates a station, Channel 29. Greece also has access to several major international satellite

channels from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Russia. Most apartment buildings have antennae that can receive these stations. You may also purchase an indoor signal booster which will improve reception.

All channels broadcast in color in the European system (PAL/SECAM) which prohibits the use of U.S.-made TV sets without modification. Cost of TV modification from NTSC (U.S.) to PAL/SECAM will cost approximately \$225.00, and then it will not be usable in the U.S. again until it is converted back to NTSC. The cost of conversion, limited to one TV, is an allowable expense under the foreign transfer allowance. Since conversion does not include change from 220v to 110v, a transformer is required.

Video movies are very popular in Greece. The Embassy Welfare and Services Association rents videos in VHS NTSC. Numerous local clubs rent videos in VHS PAL/SECAM at modest prices. U.S.-manufactured TV sets brought to Greece, can be used with VCRs and computer games from the U.S. without modification.

## THE GREEK LANGUAGE

Listed below is the Greek alphabet followed by a few words and phrases you might find useful during the initial part of your tour in Athens.

## THE GREEK ALPHABET

### Greek

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### English Equivalent

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Veteran  
Year  
Mother  
Mentioned  
Lazy  
Meeting  
Theoretical  
Meeting  
Monkey  
Light  
Million  
Funny  
Mixing  
Oocean  
Apple  
Read  
Service  
Matter  
Easy  
Fortune  
Hazel  
Upset  
Oocean

## USEFUL GREEK WORDS AND PHRASES

Good morning

Kaliméra

Good evening

Kalispéra

Good night

Kaliníkta

Hello

Hérete

Goodbye

Adío

How are you?

Ti kánete or posíste?

Very well, thank you

Polí kalá, efharistó

Where is the American Embassy, please?	Πύ ίνε ι Amerikánikí Presvíá parakaló?
I want to go the Tameion Building, please?	Thélo ná páo stó Metohikó Tameío, parakaló
I am staying in the hotel Grand Bretagne	Méno stó xenodoxío Megáli Vretánia
Is it near?	Íne kondá?
Is it very far?	Íne polí makriá?
No	Óhi
Yes	Né or málista
I want to go to the Airport	Thélo ná páo stó Aerodrómio
Where is a taxi stand?	Πύ stékonde tá taxi?
Where is a bus stop?	Πύ stékonde tá leoforía?
Right	Dexiá
Left	Aristerá
Where can I telephone please?	Πύ boró ná tilephoníso, parakaló?
At the kiosk	Stó períptero
Where is the restroom?	Πύ ίνε ι toualéta?
What time is it?	Tí óra íne?
What time is the train leaving?	Tí óra févgi tó tréno?
I am hungry	Pinó
I am thirsty	Dipsó
Where is a restaurant?	Πύ ίνε éna estiatório?
I'd like some water	Thélo neró
I'd like some soup	Thélo sóupa
I'd like some meat	Thélo kréas

<u>Vegetables</u>	<u>Lahanika</u>		
artichokes	anginares	garlic	skordho
eggplant	melitzana	greens	horta
beans:		leeks	prasa
black-eyed	mavromatika	lettuce (cos)	marouli
french	fasolakia	okra	bamies
butter	yigandes	onions	kremidhia
haricot	fasolia	peas	arakas
beetroot	padzaria	peppers	piperies
cabbage	lahano	potatoes	patates
carrots	karota	spinach	spanaki
cauliflower	kounoupidhi	tomatoes	domates
celery	selino	zucchini	kolokithia
cucumber	angouri		

Shops and shopping    Magazia ke psonia

bakery	fournos	grocer	bakalis
bank	trapeza	grocery store	bakaliko
beer	bira	honey	meli
brandy	koniak	icecream	pagoto
bread	psomi	jam	marmeladha
butcher	hasapis	kilo/ 1 kilo	ena kilo
butchers	hasapiko	1/2 kilo	miso kilo
butter	voutiro	1/4 kilo	ena tetarto
cafe	kafenio	2 kilos	dhio kila
cakes	keik	lemonade	lemonadha
charcoal	karvouna	market	agora
cheese	tiri	milk	gala
coffee	kafes	olives	elies
cookies	biscota	olive oil	ladhi
cream	krema	paper napkins	hartopetsetes
drug store	farmakio	patisserie	zaharoplastio
eggs	avga	pepper	piperi
fishmonger	ihthiopolio	post office	tahidhromio
flour	alevri	rice	rizi
grams	gramaria	salt	alati
100 grams	ekato gramaria	spaghetti	makaronia
200 grams	dhiakosia gramaria	sugar	zahari
50 grams	peninda gramaria	tea	tsai
greengrocer	manavis	toilet paper	harti iyias
vinegar	xidhi	water	nero
wine	krasi		

Herbs and Spices    Bahazika

allspice	bahári	marjoram	mantzourána
aniseed	glikániso	mint	dhiósmos
basil	vasilikós	mountain tea	tsái tou vounóu
bay	dháfní	nutmeg	moshokárióho
caper	kápari	oregano	rígani
cinnamon	kanéla	parsley	maidanó
clove	garífalo	rosemary	dhendrolívano
dill	ánithos	sage	faskómilo
fennel	máراثo	savory	thróumbi
lime flowers	tílio	thyme	thimári

Meat/Poultry    Kréas/Poulerika

beef	vódhino	leg	bóuti
chicken	kotópoulo	liver	sikóti
chops	brizóles	pork	hirino
ground meat	kimás	rump	kilóto
kidneys	nefrá	shoulder	spála
lamb	arní	veal	moshári
lamb cutlets	paidhákia		

Nuts    Karpi

almonds	amígðhala	pine nuts	koukounária
chestnuts	kástana	pistachios	fistikia
hazel nuts	foundóukia	walnuts	karíðhia

Seafood/Fish    Thalasiná/Psaria

anchovy	gávros	prawns	garíðhes
cockles	kidhónia	prawns/scampi	karavíðhes
cod	bakaliáros	red mullet	barbóuni
cuttlefish	soupiá	sardines	sardhéles
bream	tsipóura	sea bass	lavráki
lobster	astakós	sea bream	fangrí
mackerel	skoubrí	sea urchins	ahiní
mussels	míðhia	sole	glósa
octopus	ohtapóðhi	squid	kalamári
oysters	stríðhia	swordfish	xifías

VetetablesLahanina

artichokes	angináres	garlic	skóroho
eggplant	melitzána	greens	hórta
beans:		leeks	prása
black-eyed	mavromátika	lettuce (cos)	maróuli
french	fasolákia	okra	bámies
butter	yfgandes	onions	kremiódhia
haricot	fasólia	peas	arakás
beetroot	padzária	peppers	piperiés
cabbage	láhano	potatoes	patátes
carrots	karóta	spinach	spanáki
cauliflower	kounoupídhí	tomatoes	domátes
celery	sélino	zucchini	kolokíthia
cucumber	angóuri		

Shops and shopping    Magazia ke psonia

bakery	fóurnos	grocer	bakális
bank	trápeza	grocery store	bakáliko
beer	bíra	honey	méli
brandy	koniák	icecream	pagotó
bread	psomí	jam	marmelácha
butcher	hasapis	kilo/ 1 kilo	éna kiló
butchers	hasápiko	1/2 kilo	misó kiló
butter	voutiro	1/4 kilo	éna tetarto
cafe	kafenío	2 kilos	ohío kilá
cakes	kéik	lemonade	lemonácha
charcoal	káryouna	market	agorá
cheese	tiri	milk	gála
coffee	kafés	olives	eliés
cookies	biscóta	olive oil	lachi
cream	kréma	paper napkins	hartopetsétes
drug store	farmakío	patisserie	zaharoplastío
eggs	avgá	pepper	pipéri
fishmonger	ihthiopolío	post office	tahidhromío
flour	alévri	rice	rízi
grams	gramária	salt	aláti
100 grams	ekató gramária	spaghetti	makarónia
200 grams	dhiakósia gramária	sugar	záhari
50 grams	penínda gramária	tea	tsái
greengrocer	manávis	toilet paper	hartí iyias
vinegar	xídhí	water	neró
wine	krasi		

In the kitchen

baking dish	tapsí	light bulb	lámba
cup	flitzáni	matches	spírta
electric	ilektrikó	plate	piato
fork	piróuni	plug-electric	fís
frying pan	tiqáni	power-point	príza
fuse	asfália	refrigerator	psiyío
gas	gázi	saucepan	katsaróla
glass	potíri	spoon	koutáli
kitchen	kouzína	stove	kouzína
knife	mahéri		

Some Numerals

one	éna	seventeen	dhekaeftá
two	dhífo	eighteen	dhekaoktó
three	tría	nineteen	dhekaeniá
four	tésera	twenty	íkosi
five	pénde	thirty	triánda
six	éxi	forty	saránda
seven	eftá	fifty	penínda
eight	októ	sixty	exínda
nine	eniá	seventy	evhomínda
ten	dhéka	eighty	ogdhónda
eleven	éndheka	ninety	enenínda
twelve	dhódheka	one hundred	ekató
thirteen	dhekatría	five hundred	pendakósia
fourteen	dhekatésera	one thousand	hília
fifteen	dhaekapénde	two thousand	dhífo hiliádhés
sixteen	dhekaéxi		

## HOTELS

Following is a list of hotels in the Embassy area. A larger list of hotels in Athens is available in the travel office (Room 213).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Atheneum Inter-Continental	89-93 Syngrou Avenue	922-3950
Athens Hilton	46 Vas. Sophias Avenue	722-6201
Astir Palace	1 Vas. Sophias Avenue	364-3112
Athens Chanōris	385 Syngrou Avenue	941-4824/6
Athenee Palace	1 Kolokotroni Street	323-6791
Caravel	2 Vas. Alexandrou Ave.	729-6721/9
Grand Bretagne	1 King George I St.	323-6251/9
King George	3 King George I St.	323-3651
Lydra Marriott	115 Syngrou Avenue	952-5211
NJV-Meridien	5 King George I	325-5301
Royal Olympic	28 Diakou Street	922-6411/3
St. George Lycabettus	2 Kleomenous Street	729-6711/9
Holiday Inn	50 Michalakopoulou St.	724-6332/9
President	43 Kifissias Avenue	692-4600
Kolonaki Hotel Apts.	7b Kapsali Street	721-3759
Riva Hotel Apts.	114 Michalakopoulou St.	770-6611/5

## LIBRARIES

USIS has libraries and reading rooms in Athens, at the Hellenic American Union and in Thessaloniki. Their combined collection of books totals 16,500 volumes, most of which are in English. USIS libraries are administered like American libraries with free loan and reference services.

CLC maintains a small bring-one-take-one collection of paperback books. They are located in the annex.

## MAIL AND TELEGRAPH INFORMATION

### Mail

Mission personnel use the APO to send and receive mail to and from the United States and other overseas posts. The Embassy mail room is located in the Chancery basement.

APO letter mail, tapes and packages weighing up to 12 ounces, which are addressed to APOs within the European area may be sent free of charge. The letters "MPS" must be written on the upper righthand corner of the envelope or package.

The mail room is open 9:30 - 11:30 and 15:00 - 16:30 Monday through Friday. At these times you may buy American or Greek stamps, and send your APO package mail. The following restrictions apply to packages being mailed through the APO:

- Priority Mail - Maximum size, total combined inches - 108  
Maximum weight - 70 lbs.
- PAL - Maximum size, total combined inches - 60  
Maximum weight - 30 lbs.
- SAM - Maximum size, total combined inches - 108  
Maximum weight - 70 lbs
- Fourth Class - Maximum size, total combined inches - 108  
Maximum weight - 70 lbs

The mail room will accept letters for local and international mail but does not handle international package mail. Those intending to use the local post office for package mail should note the following information. Parcels should be taken to the Greek post office in an unsealed carton for inspection by a Greek Postal Official. After examination the package is sealed and dispatched. Also, Greek regulations specify that all mail must be addressed in the following format:

- a) Addressee
- b) Full Address
- c) Zip Code of locality or P.O. Box and number  
along with the city name in Capital letters'

Example:

- a) M. Theodosiou
- b) Vizandiou 53
- c) 412 23 LARISSA

Note that one space is left between the third and fourth number of the zip code.

Some businesses who have a large volume of mail have their own zip code. For example:

Embassy of the United States of America  
91, Vasilissis Sophias Avenue  
101 60 ATHENS

This zip code is for the exclusive use of the Embassy.

## Telegraph Facilities

Telegrams can be sent from the following locations in Athens:

Stadiou Street (Close to Syndagma Square) 7.00 - 23.30

85 Patision Street

Hilton Hotel (Telex only)

A fee of 16% (VAT) is added when a telegram is sent through one of the Greek telegraph offices listed above.

Telegrams may be sent by telephone, within Greece by dialing 155 and abroad by dialing 165. The operators on these numbers can also tell you the current rate per word for each country.

The Embassy telephone operators will also handle telegrams for you during working hours. This courtesy is extended only to American official employees of this Mission and their dependents. For more information Contact the Embassy mail room.

## MUSEUMS IN ATHENS

National Archaeological Museum	44 Patision & Tositsa Sts 821-7717
Acropolis Museum	At the Acropolis 323-6665, 321-0219
Benaki Museum Collection of Greek regional costumes, objects of Byzantine and Islamic arts.	1 Koubari Street 361-1617
Byzantine Museum	22 Vassilissis Sofias Avenue 721-1027
Byzantine art including large collection of icons.	
Museum of Greek Popular Art	17 Kydathineon Street 321-3018
Historical & Ethnological Museum Old Parliament Bldg.	13 Stadiou Street 323-7617
Ceramicos Museum	148 Hermou Street 346-3552

Stoa of Attalos -  
Ancient Agora Museum

Entrance from Thessalon  
Square and from 24 Haçrianou  
Street 321-0185

National Gallery

50 Vassileos Constantinou  
Street  
(Near the Hilton Hotel)  
721-1010

## PETS

### Importation

In order to bring cats and dogs into Greece the animals must have a health certificate from a veterinary authority in the country of origin, which has been validated by the Greek consulate and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (or \_\_\_\_\_ appropriate medical authority if coming from another country). The certificate must state that:

1. The animal is in good health and free from infectious disease.
2. The animal has been vaccinated against rabies, not less than 2 weeks and not more than one year prior to shipping date.
3. Parrots may be brought into the country if they have a veterinary certificate stating that the country of origin is free from psittacosis.

Health clearance will be given at the port of entry. Shipping and customs (GSO) will assist with clearances if the animal arrives with you and may also assist if the animal is shipped by air-cargo and arrival time is during normal working hours.

### General Information

There are many stray animals on the streets of Athens and it is said that poisoned meat is sometimes put down to eliminate stray dogs, it is, therefore, advisable to control your pets and not allow them to roam. Rabies shots are required by law every year for dogs and cats. Other recommended vaccinations include: distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and para-influenza parvovirus for dogs; distemper, rhino-tracheitis and calice for cats.

CLO keeps listings of Animal Welfare Societies, veterinarians and boarding kennels in the Athens area.

## RESTAURANTS, TAVERNAS, NIGHTCLUBS ETC.

Athens and the nearby suburbs have many excellent eating places. Particularly renowned are the tavernas, located all over the city and the suburbs, where dinner is often accompanied by Greek music and sometimes dancing.

The majority of tourist restaurants serve continental food. There are also a number of typical Greek dishes like "mousaka" (alternate layers of eggplant, ground meat and white flour and milk sauce agreeably spiced), "souvlaki" (meat on small spits), "dolmadakia" (rolled vine leaves containing rice, ground meat and spices), "tzatziki" (cucumber and garlic with yogurt), and "taramosalata" (roe caviar mayonnaise). Many varieties of excellent fish are available, although expensive. Good local wines and excellent honey from nearby Mount Hymettus are available.

### Restaurants

#### Athens

Athenee Palace	Kolokotroni Square	323-0791
Corfu	6 Kriezotou Street	361-3011
Dionissos	Philopappos Hill	921-3778
Floca	9 Elefth. Venizelou St.	323-4064
Gerofinikas	10 Pindarou Street	363-6710
Grande Bretagne	1 King George I St.	323-0251
King George - Tudor Hall	3 King George I St.	323-0651
L'Abreuvoir	51 Xenokratous St.	722-9061
Riva	114 Michalakopoulou St.	770-6611
Ta Papakia	5 Iridanou Street	721-2421
The Steak Room	6d Aeginitou Street	721-7445
Zonar's	9 Elefth. Venizelou St.	323-0336

#### In Suburbs

Auberge	10th bus stop of Tatoi	
	Varibobi	801-4537
Barbara's	37 Ionias , Kifissia	801-4260
Blue Pine	37 Tsaldari, Kifissia	801-2969
La Belle Helene	1 Paleologou, Politia	801-4776
Bokaris	17 Sokratous, Kifissia	801-2589
Mythos	Apollon Palace Beach	
	Kavouri	895-5214
Zillers	1 Akti Kountourioti	
	Kastella	413-2732
La Bussada	71 Posidonos St.	
	Glyfada	894-2605
Churrasco	16 Pandoras, Glyfada	894-1252
Epicure	16 Metaxa, Voula	895-3544

Well-known restaurants specializing in fresh fish

Psaropoulos	Glyfada	894-5677
Kanaris	Mikrolimano	417-5190
Zafiris	Mikrolimano	417-5152

Tavernas

Palia Athina	4 Flessa St. (Plaka)	322-2000
Mostrou	22 Mnisikleous St.(Plaka)	322-5337
Rotonda "Souvlaki"	Kifissias Ave., Sidera	682-6400
Ta Nissia	Hilton Hotel	722-0201
Xynos	4 Ang. Geronda St.(Plaka)	322-1065
Salmatanis Takis	Aghiou Trifonos & Syngrou, Kifisia	801-5394

Snack Bars

Byzantine Cafe	Hilton Hotel (open 24 hours)	722-0201
Zonar's	9 Elefth. Venizelou St.	323-0336

Catering Shops

Floca	9 El. Venizelou Street	323-4064
Zonar's	9 El. Venizelou Street	323-336

Bars

Athenee Palace	Kolokotroni Square	323-0791
Galaxy	Hilton Hotel	722-0201
Grande Bretagne	1 King George I St.	323-0251
King George	3 King George I St.	323-0651
Olympic Palace	16 Philellinon St.	323-7611
Pan	Hilton Hotel	722-0201
Stage Coach	6 Loukianou St.	723-0507
Zonar's	9 Elefth. Venizelou St.	323-0336

Night Clubs

Athinaia (summer)	6 Elefth. Venizelou St.	
Tower Suite	Race Course, Phaleron Vas. Sophias Ave. and Mesogion (24th floor)	362-0777 770-6111

## SHOPPING FACILITIES

There is a small convenience store, operated by the E.W.S.A. (Embassy Welfare and Services Association) in the basement of the Embassy.

Athens has excellent shopping facilities and it is possible to find almost anything you want here. Imported items, however, tend to be very expensive and value added taxes (VAT) push the prices of luxury items up even more.

An attempt to provide lists of places to shop in Athens would be an impossible task. It is often found, however, that groups of one kind of store or service collect together in certain areas. Following are some ideas of places to shop for specific items. Many of these are favorites of Greeks, some are typical tourist spots where prices may be a little high. The best thing of course is to shop around and find your own favorite places.

### Personal needs and services

#### Men's Clothing and Shoes

Stadiou Street area  
Central Halandri  
Kifissia  
Academias Street (off Syndagma Square)  
Kolonaki area

#### Women's Clothing, Shoes, Bags etc.

Kolonaki area  
Central Halandri area  
Voukourestiou Street  
All streets around Syndagma Square area  
Kifissia area

#### Clothing Fabrics

Ermou Street (off Syndagma Square)  
Central Halandri

#### Buttons, Zippers, etc.

Shops along Perikleous Street

#### Furs

Shops all around the Syndagma Square area

### Barber Shops

Embassy Barber  
Tameion Building  
Grande Bretagne

Embassy Annex - basement  
6th floor  
1 King George I Street

### Beauty Shops

#### Embassy Area:

Coiffure Aira  
Angelos  
Costi & Taki  
George  
Paris  
King's Palace  
Dino & Gino  
Dino & Gino

Kolonaki Square  
17 Omirou St.  
Hilton Hotel  
Kanari & Academias Sts.  
4 Voukourestiou St.  
2 El. Venizelou St.  
Behind Athens Tower  
Behind Hilton Hotel

### Dry Cleaning and Laundry:

GSO maintains a washer, dryer, iron and ironing board in the basement of the annex for the use of all newly arrived personnel living in temporary quarters. The machines are available on a first come first served basis 24 hours a day. The machines presently available are European models which take smaller loads and substantially longer time than American machines. Those using the machines are welcome to use the CLO community room and facilities while waiting.

There is a laundromat located on Plutarchou Street in Kolonaki, close to the Embassy.

Dry cleaning services are available in the basement of the Embassy. Put your clothes to be dry cleaned into a bag indicating your name and extension number and the service you require and leave it in the area behind the marine guard post in the basement near to the Annex exit. Your dry cleaning will be returned within 24 hours. When you pick it up put the money that you owe into an envelope and deposit the envelope into the box provided on the wall.

Most neighborhoods also have their local drycleaner. Check with your neighbors.

### Shoe Repairs

Boras  
Express

Philellinon Street  
Voulis & Karageorgi Servias Sts  
Skoufa St., Kolonaki Square

Most neighborhoods have a local shoe repair shop. Ask your landlord or your neighbor.

## Jewellers

Voukourestiou Street area  
Omonia Square area  
Syndagma Square area  
Halandri  
Kifissia  
Monastiraki (Flea Market)

## Household needs

### Department Stores

There are only two department stores in Athens. Both are close to Omonia Square where parking is very difficult.

Minion ..... 17 Veranzerou (The furniture Department is across the street)

Lampropoulos Bros. .... 99-101 Aeolou & 1-8 Lycourgou

### Groceries

There are several chains of supermarket companies in Athens with branches in most neighborhoods. Some of those popular with Americans and carrying a variety of international foods supplies are:

Vassilopoulos - Alpha Beta  
Marinopoulos Prisunic  
Giant

Your neighborhood grocer is also worth getting to know and usually carries a large selection of items which are not necessarily displayed on the shelves.

Note: In each area of the city there is an open air street market once a week where fresh produce is sold at very reasonable prices. Some of these markets are listed below, ask your neighbors for locations or just follow the direction of the people heading down the streets with their empty shopping carts on the appropriate market day.

Monday - Neo Psychico, Holargos, Nea Erythrea  
Tuesday - Halandri, Filothei, Pangrati, Terpsithea  
Wednesday - Nea Smyrni, Pefki, Kifissia  
Thursday - Glyfada, Voula, Papagou  
Friday - Kolonaki, Paleo Psychico, Paleo Faliron  
Saturday - Maroussi, Ambelokipi, Argyroupoli

Furniture and Rugs

Vouliagmenis Avenue/Ilioupoleos Street area  
Halandri  
Kifissia

Upholstery Fabrics - Curtains

Syndagma Square area  
Vouliagmenis Ave/Ilioupoleos Street area  
Halandri  
Kifissia

Kitchenware

Stadiou/Ermou Street area  
Halandri area  
Omonia Square area  
Kifissia

Electrical Appliances

All around the Omonia Square area  
Kolonaki Square area  
Central Halandri  
Mesogion Avenue

Hardware

23 October Street (off Omonia Square)  
Halandri

Plumbing and Bathroom Fixtures

23 October Street (off Omonia Square)  
Kifissia Avenue (Psychiko area)  
Halandri

Entertainment

Bookshops

Compendium  
Pantelides  
The American  
The Booknest  
Eleftherouoakis

28 Nikis Street  
11 Amerikis Street  
17 Amerikis Street  
25-29 Panepistimiou Avenue  
4 Nikis Street  
or Athens Tower, (at the corner of  
Mesogion & Vas. Sophias Avenues.)

## Tapes and Records and Videos

All busy shopping areas have numerous music stores and video rental shops. Local videos will not work on U.S. system VCRs.

## Miscellaneous

### Drug Stores

There is a great abundance of pharmacies all over Athens.  
Marinopoulos (self service) 23 Kanari Street  
Giokaris (close to Embassy) 6 Dorileou Street

### Florists

Florists are abundant throughout all areas of Athens. Local street markets are a cheap source of flowers. House plants and bedding plants are available at very reasonable prices at the Galatzi Flower Market open on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

### Photographers

Evangelidis	26 Voulis Street
John Georgiadis	2 Makedonon Street
Patridis	5 Voulis Street

### Film developing

EWSA (Embassy Welfare and Services Association) will take your film to be developed for you for a very reasonable fee.

### Stationery

All neighborhood shopping centers have stores carrying stationary, toys, newspapers and magazines.

### Rent-a-Car Service

EWSA (Embassy Welfare & Services Assc.) has several cars available for hire.

Avis	48 Amalias Street
Hellas Cars	7 Stadiou Street
Hertz	314-316 Syngrou Avenue

There are other companies in the Amalias Street and Syngrou Avenue area.

### Souvenirs, curios ect.

T.A.P. Service has an exhibition of authentic casts and reproductions from Greek museums. They are located at 17, Philellinon Street.

All areas around the Plaka, Omonia Square and Syndagma Square.

## Antique Shops

Antika - 4 Amalias Street  
Shops along Pandrossou Street.  
Plaka  
Monasteraki: Flea Market

## Copperware

Along Hephaistou Street

## SPORTS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Almost any type of athletic sport or game desired may be found in Greece. CLO has expanded listings.

Bowling: There is a bowling center at the top of Kastella hill in Piraeus and lanes at the Holiday Inn.

Climbing and Hiking: There are several mountains in Greece suitable for hiking and camping. Mount Parnes, near Athens, is particularly popular for weekend and holiday excursions. Excellent climbing is to be enjoyed on Mount Taygetos in the Peloponnese, Kithairon, Parnassus in Central Greece and Mount Olympus in Northern Greece. There are two hiking and mountaineering Clubs in Athens.

Golf: There is an 18-hole course in the suburb of Glyfada, Tel. 894-6520. There is an entrance fee for visitors.

Horse Races: Phaleron Race Track at Syngrou Avenue, Athens (every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons). There is legalized betting on soccer matches and horse races in Athens. Anyone interested in auto-racing may join the Greek Automobile Association (ELPA) and participate in the local and international auto races and rallies held throughout the year.

Horse Riding: There are several Riding Clubs; CLO has listings.

Hunting: Visitors may hunt almost anywhere in Greece from September 1 to March 10. Aquatic birds are numerous at Marathon and Souli, near Athens, as well as at Lake Carla, near Volos, Limni Halkis and in central Greece. The hunting season for spring turtle doves begins sometime in the month of April and lasts about 20 days. Partridges and rabbits may be hunted from the end of September up to November 30 for the first ones, and up to January 10 for the late ones. For hunting license, contact the Personnel Office, Room 228. The countrywide annual hunting license, however, is very expensive.

Ice and Roller Skating: Several good rinks in Athens.

Sailing and Canoeing: Enthusiasts should get in touch with the Yachting Club at Mikrolimano. Yacht owners may want to take advantage of the facilities offered to members of the Club, where they may be admitted through a member. Regattas are organized during the summer in many ports and islands. Sailing courses are offered by Hellenikon and Nea Makri "MWR".

Skiing: The Hellenic Alpine Club conducts outings for weekends during the season, Tel.: 3234-555. Buses for day trips pick up in Psychiko and Kifisia - two companies: 324-1915 or 722-5972, 722-4068.

Soccer: The best known grounds are: Panathinaikos, 120 Alexandras Ave., Athens; Olympiakos, Karaiskaki, New Phaleron; AEK, Nea Philadelphia; Apollon, Rizoupolis; Panionios, Nea Smyrni.

Swimming is particularly pleasant during the spring, summer and fall. There are good beaches all along the coast near Athens but some are polluted. CLO has the locations. The waters of the Cyclades Islands, also those of Corfu and Rhodes, are ideal for spear fishing.

Tennis: Excellent tennis courts are available at clubs in Athens and the suburbs. American Community School offers its tennis facilities to the community for a reasonable membership fee.

Water Skiing and Wind Surfing are popular at most beach areas.

## TRANSPORTATION

The most common form of transportation used by Embassy personnel around the city of Athens is their privately-owned vehicle.

### Public Transport

Athens public transport system consists of:

1. Trolleys - covering central Athens and nearby suburbs.
2. Buses - covering central Athens and all suburbs.
3. Metro - single line connecting Piraeus with Kifissia and traveling through central Athens.

Buses, trollies and the metro are all the same price, 50 drachmae, for one trip of any length on one vehicle. Cash is not accepted. Tickets may be bought singly or in books of 10 at specific kiosks along the bus/trolley routes or at the metro stops. (Tickets are also available in the EWSA office). There seems to be no right or wrong door to get on or off the bus except for the whim of the driver. Some drivers open all doors when they stop others only the center or back door. Ticket cancelling machines are located inconveniently at the front and back of the bus, if the bus is crowded it may be next to impossible to reach one before you reach your decent stop. With the metro you buy your ticket from a machine at the station entrance and cancel it in the machine at the barrier.

Greeks do not line up for any form of public transport. The first on to the bus is usually the person who is standing where the bus stops whether that person arrived 10 seconds or 10 minutes before. Be prepared to have to act in the same manner or you may watch the bus that you have waited 20 minutes for depart without you. Flag down buses and trolleys in the usual manner. Signal the driver that you want to get off by pressing the button located either above the door or on the support posts near the doors. (Hint - if the bus or trolley is very crowded make your way to the exit the stop before you want to get off, or you may find yourself going further than you intended).

CLO has maps of the bus routes in Athens and Pireaus, in English. Bus maps of the Greater Athens area and suburbs do not exist at this time but the system is not difficult to learn.

### Taxi

The taxi is still an affordable means of transportation in Athens. Minimum fare is 200 drachmae. The taxi system is a little confusing to newcomers. By law the taxi driver must take the passenger to his destination. However, if the original passenger voices no objection, other passengers may be picked up on the way if they are going in the same direction. Second and subsequent passengers check the amount on the meter when entering and deduct that amount from the total on the meter when leaving. Tipping is not a normal practice though fares are usually rounded off to the next 50. At Christmas and Easter a 50 drachmae bonus is customary for each ride taken.

### Train

Two main railroads connect Athens with most parts of Greece. For information on schedules call:

- 145 Domestic information
- 147 International information

The following rail offices in town may also provide information on schedules and rates:

1 Karolou Street - tel 522-2491  
Sina Street - tel 362-4402  
17 Filellinon Street - tel 323-6747 or 323-6273

The above offices are not normally staffed by English speaking people so it is advisable to contact the Wagon-Lits Agency ext 444 or 439, for travel information and purchase of tickets.

#### Boat

There are frequent sailings of both small inter-island boats and large cruise ships, during the summer season, to most of the popular Greek islands. Car ferries also operate between most major islands. Cars can also be driven to Patras and taken by ferry to Brindisi, Italy, on an overnight trip.

#### Air

Athens is served by 50 airlines. Olympic Air has frequent inter-island flights.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE HELLENIKON AIR BASE

All facilities at the Hellenikon base are gradually being down-graded in preparation for closure. Although the following information was accurate at the last up-date (November 1990) it will not necessarily be current for very long. However, at this time the following services are still available:

### Shopping Facilities

The Air Force Base Exchange Store (BX), the fashion store, a small convenience store and the commissary are located on the U.S. Air Force Base at Hellenikon. The Stars and Stripes bookstore carries a selection of hard and paperback books, newspapers and magazines. It is located in the Crossroads cafeteria. A second commissary is located at 109 Syngrou Avenue, in downtown Athens. These facilities are open only to American Government personnel officially assigned to Greece and their dependents. The Embassy's Personnel Office (Room-223) is responsible for the issuance of the necessary identification.

### Recreational Facilities

Library: The 7206th Air Base Group Library offers its facilities to all official American personnel and their families. It maintains a good stock of novels, magazines and reference books.

Baseball: Games are played on Saturday mornings during the season.

Pool: The Apollon Hotel operates an outdoor pool during the summer months.

Tennis: Courts located behind the Crossroads cafeteria

The base also has an Auto Hobby Shop, Wood Hobby Shop, Recreation Center, Youth Center, Gymnasium and Video Tape Club. Call MWR, tel 981-3991 for more information on any of these. MWR also organizes trips and cruises for the community throughout the year.

### Medical Facilities

Check with the Embassy medical unit for information on the Base medical facilities available to U.S. Government employees.

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#### Other Services

Various other facilities are available for our use at the Hellenikon air base. Some of these are:

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12:25 P.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Warm up here. Take this off -- I will now take off my Air Force jacket, my Navy necktie, and go to work. (Laughter.)

Mr. Prime Minister, thank you, sir, for your wonderful words. And may I first salute the visiting dignitaries, members of our Armed Forces, members of the Greek government, our hosts and hostesses, and especially those who serve in the Armed Forces of Greece and the United States. I'm just delighted to visit this historic island -- this land of memory and myth. And I'm deeply honored to meet today the officers and crew of these two proud ships, the Limnos and the USS De Wert.

Before I go any further, let me also salute the support team right here at Souda Bay -- (applause.) There's at least seven of them here in the front row. (Laughter.) Let me put it in perspective. In the months since last August 2nd, Souda serviced 97 ships, loaded and unloaded 13,000 tons of cargo, handled 31,000 flights, pumped four and a half million pounds of jet fuel. Souda has run round the clock at break-neck pace. Operating at 300, 400, and 500 percent above normal, day after day, Souda Bay was called on to keep the supply lines moving -- and day after day, Souda Bay did its duty with distinction.

I had the pleasure of touring Limnos a few minutes ago, speaking to some of her sailors. And let me say to all, and to you especially, Mr. Prime Minister: My visit to your great country would not be complete without an opportunity to thank the members of the Greek Armed Forces, a key member of our coalition. Greece stood with us from the very first moments of Desert Shield to the final victory in Desert Storm. And we are very grateful to each and every one of you. (Applause.)

Flying in today, looking down as we came in over Souda Bay put me in mind of my own Navy days many, many years ago. But how things have changed dramatically and, I might add, for the better. I mentioned a moment ago my visit to Limnos. Let me speak to the crew -- officers and crew of the USS De Wert. Daring, dauntless, defiant. That is your motto the proud legacy of De Wert carries with it wherever she sails. And it's a special pleasure to meet you all here, so far from home and hearth, to bring you on behalf of friends and family, on behalf of all Americans, a nation's heartfelt thanks.

A larger task unites the De Wert and the Limnos and the two nations they represent. And 2,000 years ago, Thucydides wrote, "Freedom, if we hold fast to it, will ultimately restore our losses. But submission will mean the permanent loss of all that we value. To you who call yourselves men of peace, I say you are not safe unless you have men of action at your side." And today, just as these two ships are moored stern to stern, so, too, the key to keeping our nations secure remains the Atlantic Alliance.

I am pleased to announce today during this visit a series of initiatives designed to strengthen U.S.-Greek security and to help

modernize the Greek Armed Forces. First, I have expressed to Prime Minister Mitsotakis, our readiness to lease your country two Knox-class frigates for the Hellenic Navy. Secondly, we will accelerate the delivery of 10 F4-E aircraft to Greece this summer, with an additional 13 to follow in the autumn. And finally, we plan to transfer to Greece from existing NATO stocks a large number of tanks and artillery that will measurably increase Greece's defensive capabilities.

Each of these steps reaffirms our close and critical defense relationship with our valued NATO ally, Greece. Our support for Greek security will not waver.

Greece remains a valued ally, and our friendship with Greece remains part of our destiny. The United States remains committed to helping Greece maintain its ability to perform its vital NATO missions. Greece can be certain that U.S. support will remain steadfast and strong.

So once again, may I thank you for your warm welcome, and for your service to the cause of peace. And may I say, may God bless the U.S. Navy, the Greek Navy, those who serve aboard Limnos and De Wert. And now I would like to hand the Commanding Officer Nikitiades of the Limnos a small token -- it's the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces. And I'm delighted to hand it to you, sir, in commemoration of this visit. (Applause.)

Thank you all very much. Thank you. (Applause.)

A Souda Bay crowd here. I wish I could stay a while.

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12:38 P.M. (L)