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It's been a very special pleasure having this opportunity to meet with you again, to have you and your able team here in Washington, D.C. today, and to wish Greece on behalf of all Americans every blessings for the new year.

All yours.

PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS: I would like first to express my heartfelt thanks to President Bush for inviting me to Washington and receiving me at the White House so warmly. At this moment in history when democracy's flourishing throughout the world, it is a great honor for me as Prime Minister of Greece, where democracy was born 2,500 years ago, to come for an official visit to the United States, the champion of democracy in our times.

The love of freedom and faith in democracy are two of the important ties that form a unique bond between Greece and the United States. And I welcome the opportunity this visit has given me to reinforce our special relationship in this season of hope and renewal.

I am especially pleased that this visit allowed me to continue my private talks with President Bush and with our delegations to expand on the substantial and fruitful discussions we had in Greece last summer.

As might be expected, we exchanged views on world developments and focused closely on what is happening in our region, the Balkans, where, as you know, Greece is playing an essential role in promoting peace and stability.

We had a lengthy discussion on the Cyprus question, and I thanked President Bush for his personal commitment to help bring about a fair settlement that will end the long agony of the Cypriot people.

I am certain that with the strong support of the President, the new Secretary General of the United Nations, building on the achievements of his worthy predecessor, will be able to lead the efforts of all of us to a speedy and successful conclusion on Cyprus.

I want to stress that our talks marked one more milestone in the improving relations between our two countries, which, as you know, have made spectacular progress in the past two years.

The ties between Greece and the United States are strong and special. We fought in two world wars together and waged a joint struggle to stop the spread of totalitarianism. But what makes it such a profound pleasure for all Greeks who come to the United States is that we recognize the highest ideals of this nation as native to our own. I am very confident that the special relationship between Greece and the United States, which reflects the common values of our two peoples and the strong friendship they have fostered will grow even stronger in the years ahead.

Let me conclude by wishing everyone in the United States a very happy holiday season.

END

1:30 P.M. EST

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 12, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTINOS MITSOTAKIS
UPON DEPARTURE

The South Lawn

1:19 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Prime Minister and distinguished members of the Greek government, five months ago, I visited Athens -- the first visit by an American President to Greece in more than a generation. Today, in welcoming Prime Minister Mitsotakis to the White House, our two countries reaffirm the value of close contact to address common concern.

Mr. Prime Minister, in the past three years, we've witnessed a world transformed -- and your continent has been right at the center of change. America sees Greece as a partner in meeting many of the challenges that cross borders and threaten the peace -- terrorism, international drug trade, ethnic conflict.

In the Balkans, in the new Europe, in Cyprus, Greece remains a factor for stability, a champion of human rights -- a partner in the quest to forge a new world order -- peaceful, prosperous and free.

The U.S. continues to be as concerned as we have been in the past with Greece's security and the sanctity of its borders. We continue to help Greece strengthen its defenses. And we support the progress your nation has made toward economic reform, liberalizing trade and investment.

Opening Greek markets to investment from the United States and other nations will mean jobs and better living standards for Greeks and Americans alike.

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Let me start with Yugoslavia. Who can fail to be moved by these heartrending images -- carnage and suffering on a scale that recalls the horrors of the Second World War rather than the hopes of the new era we've now entered. The U.S. supports the European Community's efforts, the EC's efforts, including economic sanctions, to stop the fighting.

We remain convinced that a negotiated settlement -- helped along by the United Nations and the interested international community is possible, necessary and certainly long overdue.

In the case of Cyprus, I again offer the good offices of the United States to overcome a source of bitter conflict between two of our valued allies. We continue to hope for an international high-level meeting on Cyprus as early as possible in 1992.

With good-faith negotiations -- and the continued efforts of the United Nations Secretary General, we can make progress in producing a settlement acceptable to all parties.

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MODIFIED OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT
TO
WASHINGTON, D.C.
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
CONSTANTINE MITSOTAKIS
PRIME MINISTER
OF
GREECE
AND
MRS. MITSOTAKIS

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DECEMBER 11 TO 13, 1991

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11

11:50 am- Greeted by Assistant Chief of Protocol
11:55 am Smith, La Guardia Airport, New York,
New York.

12:00 pm- United States Presidential Aircraft to
12:50 pm Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

12:50 pm- Greeted by Deputy Chief of Protocol
12:55 pm Fitzgerald and Welcoming Committee.

12:55 pm- United States Presidential Helicopters
1:05 pm to Washington Monument Grounds
Reflecting Pool, Washington, D.C.

*VP dinner
Mrs. Bush lunch*

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11
(Continued)

1:05 pm- Greeted by Secretary of State and Mrs.
1:10 pm Baker and Chief of Protocol Weinmann,
Washington Monument Grounds Reflecting
Pool.

1:15 pm Arrive Blair House.

2:30 pm- Wreath-Laying Ceremony, Tomb of the
3:00 pm Unknown Soldier, Arlington National
Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

3:30 pm- Meeting with Washington Post Company
4:30 pm Chairman of the Board Graham,
Chairman's Office, the Washington Post
Building.

5:00 pm- Meeting with ^{GREEK} Members of Congress,
5:30 pm Blair House.*

8:00 pm- Dinner offered by Prime Minister and
10:00 pm Mrs. Mitsotakis in honor of Select
Guests, Blair House.

*Mrs. Mitsotakis does not attend.

Overnight: Blair House.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 12

9:00 am- Mrs. Mitsotakis tours The
10:30 am National Gallery of Art.

10:55 am- Greeted by Secretary of State Baker
11:00 am and Chief of Protocol Weinmann, West
Lobby, The White House.*

11:00 am- Photo-Opportunity with President Bush,
11:05 am Oval Office, The White House.*

11:05 am- Expanded Meeting with President Bush,
12:00 pm Cabinet Room, The White House.*

12:10 pm- Working Luncheon with President Bush,
1:10 pm ~~Old Family Dining Room~~, The White
House.* *Second Floor Dining Room*

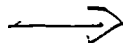
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1:30 pm in honor of Mrs. Mitsotakis,
Diplomatic Reception Room,
Department of State.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 12
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1:15 pm- Departure Statements by President Bush
1:30 pm and Prime Minister Mitsotakis, South
Lawn, The White House.*

2:00 pm- Meeting with Secretary of State Baker,
2:20 pm Blair House.*

2:30 pm- Mrs. Mitsotakis participates
3:30 pm in an event concerning the
International Special
Olympics, Blair House.

2:45 pm- Meeting with Attorney General Barr,
3:15 pm Blair House.*

3:30 pm- Meeting with Secretary of Commerce
4:00 pm Mosbacher, Blair House.*

4:00 pm- Meeting with Secretary of the Treasury
4:30 pm Brady, Blair House.*

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 12
(Continued)

4:45 pm- Meeting with Acting Secretary of Defense
5:15 pm Atwood, Blair House.*

7:00 pm- Dinner offered by the Vice President
9:30 pm in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs.
Mitsotakis, Vice President's Residence.

Overnight: Blair House.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13

8:30 am- Breakfast with William Safire,
9:30 am Columnist for the New York Times, Blair
House.*

10:10 am- Bid farewell to Blair House staff,
10:15 am Blair House.

10:20 am- Farewell Ceremony with Deputy Secretary
10:25 am of State Eagleburger, Chief of Protocol
Weinmann and Farewell Committee,
Washington Monument Grounds Reflecting
Pool.

10:25 am- United States Presidential Helicopters
10:30 am to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

10:30 am- United States Presidential Aircraft to
11:15 am La Guardia Airport, New York, New York.

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McGroarty/Bunton
December 6, 1991
3:30 pm
[GREECE.PM]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR THE VISIT OF
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THE SOUTH LAWN
DECEMBER 12, 1991
1:15 PM

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South Lawn

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Crews very happy got what wanted then some
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on Mon. & have info June