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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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July 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Crews of the Lemnos and  
USS De Wert

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/10/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CREWS OF THE LEMNOS AND USS DE WERT  
SUBJECT: SOUDA BAY, CRETE  
JULY 19, 1991

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please provide comments/edits on the attached directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 4:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 12. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

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McGroarty/Simon  
July 10, 1991  
12:30 pm  
[SOUDA]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CREWS OF THE LEMNOS AND USS DE WERT  
SOUDA BAY, CRETE  
JULY 19, 1991  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Staff Secretary  
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*

SUBJECT: SOUDA BAY NAVAL BASE, CRETE

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, July 19, at 11:20 a.m., you will tour the USS De Wert and the Greek frigate Lemnos, then give brief remarks on the dock at the Souda Bay Naval Base on Crete.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (7 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to the efforts of Greek and American sailors during Desert Shield/Storm, and discuss our mutual security interests.

McGroarty/Simon  
July 13, 1991  
10:40 am  
[SOUDA]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CREWS OF THE LEMNOS AND USS DE WERT  
SOUDA BAY, CRETE  
JULY 19, 1991  
11:20 A.M.

[Introductory acknowledgements.] {Greek Captain.} Captain Tom Myers. // I am delighted to be here this morning with my good friend, Prime Minister Mitsotakis -- to visit this historic island, this land of memory and myth. And I am deeply honored to meet today the officers and crew of these two proud ships: the Lemnos and the USS De Wert. //

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A larger task unites the De Wert and the Lemnos -- and the two nations they represent. Two thousand years ago, Thucydides [Thoo-CID-uh-dees] 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."

Today, just as these two ships are moored bow to bow --- so too the key to keeping our nations secure remains the Atlantic Alliance. //

For four decades, America and Greece have been dedicated members of NATO: committed to a common goal -- partners in peace. //

That is why I am pleased to announce 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. Second, we will accelerate the delivery of 10 F4-E aircraft to Greece this summer, with an additional 18 to follow in autumn. Third, we are pleased Greece has decided to purchase 20 F-16's for its Air Force. Fourth 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.

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Once again, Barbara and I thank you for your warm welcome - - and for your service to the cause of peace. // May God bless the Lemnos and the USS De Wert -- and all who sail in these proud ships.

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July 13, 1991  
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PROPOSED REMARKS FOR WREATH LAYING  
SOUDA BAY, GREECE  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991  
12:40 P.M.

As we gather here today under this bright summer sun, the shimmering Sea of Crete close beside us, we are inspired by the life of Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS].

Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] breathed life, and hope into the ideals he revered: democracy, liberty and justice. He could have served as the model for the man who said, "Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny." Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] guided his homeland into the modern era. //

And his ideals live on today -- lighting the way for the generation of young men and women who will lead Greece forward.

//

Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] was a simple man who understood the needs of his countrymen as well as those of Greece's neighbors. He was a reformer, and a visionary. And he believed in engaging Greece in the world. For

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Crete, Greece)

For Immediate Release

July 19, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN ADDRESS TO THE U.S. AND GREEK ARMED FORCES

Souda Bay Naval Facility  
Souda Bay, Crete  
Greece

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.

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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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RESPONSE:

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The NSC Staff concurs with the changes indicated.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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Date: 7/10

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Paul Korfonta  
07/12/91

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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91 JUL 11 P4:27

July 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT ANTHONY SNOW  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
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FROM: *Chester Paul Beach, Jr.*  
CHESTER PAUL BEACH  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Crews of the Lemnos  
and USS De Wert Souda Bay, Crete

Counsel's Office has no legal objection to the Presidential remarks referenced above.

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Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady  
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July 10, 1991

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7/10/91

4:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY

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## REMARKS:

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## RESPONSE:

Good S.R.

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
 Assistant to the President  
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 Ext. 2702

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NAME OF WRITER : David Demarest / Tony Snow

NAME OF RESEARCHER: Simon

SPEECH SYNOPSIS: In his opening remarks,  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

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PROPOSED REMARKS FOR WREATH LAYING  
SOUDA BAY, GREECE  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991  
12:40 P.M.

As we gather here today under this bright summer sun, the shimmering Sea of Crete close beside us, we are inspired by the life of Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS].

Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] breathed life, and hope into the ideals he revered: democracy, liberty and justice. He could have served as the model for the man who said, "Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny." Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] guided his homeland into the modern era. //

And his ideals live on today -- lighting the way for the generation of young men and women who will lead Greece forward.

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Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] was a simple man who understood the needs of his countrymen as well as those of Greece's neighbors. He was a reformer, and a visionary. And he believed in engaging Greece in the world. For

this, he earned the title, "Apostle of Greek political modernism."

Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] reached out to an old enemy, Turkey, and forged a new understanding and reconciliation between the Greek and Turkish Peoples -- surely an example for our own era.

President Woodrow Wilson once described him as "one of the world's greatest men." Indeed, we stand here today as friends and allies because he helped establish warm and amiable ties between our nations. He understood that we share bonds of principle, of spirit, of national soul. Visiting the United States in 1930 he said, "America has realized the ideals of Ancient Greece. No two elements come closer to each other than do the Greek and the American."

He was right. And in that spirit his nephew, Prime Minister Mitsotakis, and I have worked closely and productively to honor his vision -- to preserve democracy, to build alliances for freedom throughout the region, and to enlarge Greece's role in the New World Order.

Guided by his ideals -- ideals born on Greek soil and realized here -- Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] found his place among the stars. May he rest in peace. May his memory forever inspire our nations. And may God bless everyone gathered here in his honor.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: SOUDA BAY NAVAL BASE, CRETE

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, July 19, at 11:20 a.m., you will tour the USS De Wert and the Greek frigate Lemnos, then give brief remarks on the dock at the Souda Bay Naval Base on Crete.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (7 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to the efforts of Greek and American sailors during Desert Shield/Storm, and discuss our mutual security interests.

McGroarty/Simon  
July 13, 1991  
10:40 am  
[SOUDA]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CREWS OF THE LEMNOS AND USS DE WERT  
SOUDA BAY, CRETE  
JULY 19, 1991  
11:20 A.M.

[Introductory acknowledgements.] {Greek Captain.} Captain Tom Myers. // I am delighted to be here this morning with my good friend, Prime Minister Mitsotakis -- to visit this historic island, this land of memory and myth. And I am deeply honored to meet today the officers and crew of these two proud ships: the Lemnos and the USS De Wert. //

Before I go any farther, let me salute the tireless support team here at Souda Bay. In the months since last August 2, 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 Bay has run round the clock at break-neck pace -- three-, four- and five hundred 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.** //

A few moments ago, I had the pleasure of touring the Lemnos, speaking to some of her sailors. Let me say to all of you, and to you, 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. //**

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. // I left the Navy as a lieutenant, junior grade -- but I've never left behind the lessons I learned in my years of service about friendships forged in times of war -- about the world-shaking power of these simple words: **duty / honor / country.** // Today -- not as President or head of state -- without regard to flag or rank, as a former sailor, I salute you. //

I mentioned a moment ago my visit to the Lemnos -- let me speak for a moment to the sailors of the **USS De Wert.** // **Daring, Dauntless, Defiant:** that is your motto -- the proud legacy the De Wert carries with it wherever she sails. / It is a special pleasure to meet you 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 Lemnos -- and the two nations they represent. Two thousand years ago, Thucydides [Thoo-CID-uh-dees] 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."

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DEPUTY MINISTER BAKOYIANNI; FOREIGN MINISTER  
ANTONIS SAMARAS; AMBASSADOR ZACHARAKIS; ADMIRAL  
LAGARAS; AMBASSADOR SOTIRHOS; ADMIRAL HOWE; VICE  
ADMIRAL OWENS; COMMANDER JOHN MEYERS; AND OFFICIERS AND  
CREW OF THE H.S. LIMNOS AND THE USS DEWART. // I AM  
DELIGHTED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING WITH MY GOOD FRIEND,  
PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS -- TO VISIT THIS HISTORIC  
ISLAND, THIS LAND OF MEMORY AND MYTH.

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AND I AM 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 FARTHER, LET ME SALUTE THE TIRELESS  
SUPPORT TEAM HERE AT SOUDA BAY. IN THE MONTHS SINCE  
LAST AUGUST 2, 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 BAY HAS RUN ROUND THE CLOCK AT BREAK-NECK PACE -- THREE-, FOUR- AND FIVE HUNDRED 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. //

A FEW MOMENTS AGO, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF TOURING THE LIMNOS, SPEAKING TO SOME OF HER SAILORS. LET ME SAY TO ALL OF YOU, AND TO YOU, 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. //

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. //

I LEFT THE NAVY AS A LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE -- BUT I'VE NEVER LEFT BEHIND THE LESSONS I LEARNED IN MY YEARS OF SERVICE ABOUT FRIENDSHIPS FORGED IN TIMES OF WAR -- ABOUT THE WORLD-SHAKING POWER OF THESE SIMPLE WORDS: DUTY / HONOR / COUNTRY. // TODAY -- NOT AS PRESIDENT OR HEAD OF STATE -- WITHOUT REGARD TO FLAG OR RANK, AS A FORMER SAILOR, I SALUTE YOU. //

I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO MY VISIT TO THE LIMNOS -- LET ME SPEAK FOR A MOMENT TO THE SAILORS OF THE USS DE WERT. //

DARING, DAUNTLESS, DEFIANT: THAT IS YOUR MOTTO -- THE PROUD LEGACY THE DE WERT CARRIES WITH IT WHEREVER SHE SAILS. / IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO MEET YOU 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. TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THUCYDIDES [THOO-CID-UH-DEES] WROTE:

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TODAY, JUST AS THESE TWO SHIPS ARE MOORED BOW TO BOW --- SO TOO THE KEY TO KEEPING OUR NATIONS SECURE REMAINS THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. //

FOR FOUR DECADES, AMERICA AND GREECE HAVE BEEN DEDICATED MEMBERS OF NATO: COMMITTED TO A COMMON GOAL -- PARTNERS IN PEACE. //

THAT IS WHY I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE 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.

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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. //

THROUGH THE LONG DECADES OF COLD WAR AND CONFLICT, GREECE STOOD AT NATO'S STRATEGIC SOUTHERN FLANK. TODAY, WITH EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION BEHIND US -- WITH DANGERS OF A DIFFERENT SORT MADE CLEAR BY DESERT STORM -- GREECE REMAINS A KEY TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN -- AND BEYOND. //

THOUSANDS OF YEARS AFTER THE FIRST TRIREMES [TRY-REEMS] SAILED THESE WATERS -- THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM THE SHORES OF CRETE, THREATS TO PEACE DEMAND OUR RAPID AND UNWAVERING RESPONSE.

GREECE UNDERSTANDS THESE CHALLENGES. THE LIMNOS --  
ALONG WITH ITS SISTER SHIP, THE ELLI -- JOINED  
COALITION SHIPS PATROLLING THE RED SEA: THE FIRST TIME  
GREEK FORCES HAVE TAKEN PART IN OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE  
MEDITERRANEAN. //

IN A FEW MOMENTS, I WILL VISIT THE RESTING PLACE OF  
ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS [EY-LEYF-THEY-REOS VE-NEY-ZEY-  
LWS], THE FATHER OF MODERN GREECE -- AND A GREAT  
FRIEND TO THE UNITED STATES.

HE UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR TWO NATIONS ARE BOUND NOT JUST  
BY COMMON INTERESTS, BUT BY COMMON PRINCIPLES, AND HE  
UNDERSTOOD THAT GREAT NATIONS MUST ANSWER THE CALL OF  
GREAT CHALLENGES.

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SUCCEED IN TOUCHING THEM WITH YOUR HANDS. BUT LIKE THE  
SEAFARING MAN ON THE DESERT OF WATERS, YOU CHOOSE THEM  
AS YOUR GUIDES, AND FOLLOWING THEM YOU WILL REACH YOUR  
DESTINY."

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 U.S. SUPPORT WILL REMAIN STEADFAST AND STRONG. //

ONCE AGAIN, BARBARA AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME -- AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. //

MAY GOD BLESS THE LIMNOS AND THE USS DE WERT -- AND ALL WHO SAIL IN THESE PROUD SHIPS.

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