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Dear Howard,

It was good to see you at your highly successful dinner on December 8.

Our delegation from the American Hellenic Council was very pleased to hear you say that the Turkish troops should be removed from Cyprus. The continuing Turkish occupation is certainly an insurmountable obstacle to Turkey's accession to the European Union. It also contributes to the continuing friction between Greece and Turkey. Said friction could easily explode and create many problems for the United States, as it almost happened over the Imia incident in December 1995.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee certainly has a lot of clout on this issue. Do you have any thoughts on how this troop removal can be moved along and any plans of pressuring the Turkish government to follow through? We will appreciate hearing your ideas on this subject.

Best wishes from all of us.

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