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Dear Constituent:

This is in response to your communication regarding the serious situation in Cyprus. Because of the volume of mail reaching me on this subject, in addition to a normally heavy correspondence load, I must resort to the use of this printed response in order to get timely replies to all who have written.

On August 13, S. Con. Res. 110 was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The resolution proposes that all foreign troops currently involved in Cyprus be withdrawn immediately so that the United Nations and International Red Cross may be permitted to restore peace to the island, and to guarantee the protection and civil rights of the Cypriot people working together to determine their own destiny. I do not serve on this Committee, and the Committee has not yet taken action on this resolution or similar resolutions which have been referred to it.

H. Res. 1319, which would discontinue aid to Turkey, is currently pending before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. You may wish to contact your Congressman regarding your views on this resolution.

At a press conference on August 19, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stated that the United States greatly values the traditional friendship of Greece and added that we will use our influence in any negotiation to take into full account Greek honor and national dignity.

The Secretary of State and other American foreign policy officials have been working with the Greeks and Turks in an effort to obtain an effective resolution of the Cyprus problem. I believe the American policy of trying to get the two sides to peacefully resolve their differences is the proper one. I hope that we shall soon see a peaceful resolution of the Cyprus dispute.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senator

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