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1. ADEN: BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN ADEN ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BOMBING INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE AT ADEN AIRPORT ON 19 DEC WAS PART OF AN ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY. THE BRITISH HAVE ROUNDED UP A NUMBER OF LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST PARTY, AN ARAB NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION, AND HAVE DEPORTED OVER 100 YEMENIS FROM ADEN IN THE WAKE OF THE INCIDENT. THE BRITISH APPARENTLY ARE FEARFUL THAT THE YEMENI REPUBLICANS, ASSISTED BY THE EGYPTIANS, ARE PLANNING TO MOUNT A SABOTAGE CAMPAIGN IN ADEN.

2. CYPRUS: //TOP GREEK OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER THAT GREEK ARMED FORCES WOULD BE COMMITTED QUICKLY AGAINST ANY TURKISH MILITARY INTERVENTION ARISING OUT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN CYPRUS. SUCH AN ASSURANCE COULD FURTHER EMBOLDEN CYPRUS PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND UNDERCUT CURRENT BRITISH REPORTS TO FOSTER

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NEGOTIATIONS. A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT, AL-
 THOUGH ANKARA RECOGNIZES MARIOS IS HEAVILY COMMITTED TO CONSTITUTIONAL
 REVISION, TURKEY, TOO, IS DEEPLY COMMITTED AND PREPARES TO "GO THE
 LIMIT" IN SUPPORT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.//

3. ITALY: //THREATENED DEFECTIONS FROM THE SOCIALIST (PSI)
 AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE UNLIKELY TO DEFEAT PREMIER MORO
 IN THE PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE NEXT WEEK, BUT THEY MAY
 RAISE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF THE COALITION. RECENT
 LEFTWING SOCIALIST AGITATION FOR MORE INFLUENTIAL POSTS WITHIN THE
 PARTY'S HIERARCHY WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL AND SOME PSI DIE-HARDS
 MAY RISK EXPULSION BY VOTING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. OVER THE LONG
 RUN, THE KEY FACTOR MAY BE THE ATTITUDE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
 RIGHT-WINGERS WHOSE DEFECTION WOULD LESSEN MORO'S MANEUVERABILITY.//

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