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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION - FOR TODAY'S VOTE ON THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

October 5, 1992

The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bentley:

The Greek-Americans in your constituency who we represent encourage you to support the House position with respect to loans, instead of grants, to all the NATO base countries of Greece, Portugal, and Turkey, even though Greece would lose \$30 million in grant aid. In the past we have fought hard to establish, maintain and expand such grant aid; however, the Greek-Americans we represent believe that the American people cannot afford, at this time, the additional \$570 million which grants would cost.

Greece must have enough aid, on comparable terms, to protect itself against another brutal misuse of American arms in Turkish hands. If Turkish aid is reduced quantitatively and/or qualitatively, Greece's can also be reduced.

Sincerely,

Andrew E. Manatos