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Summary:

In his cable to the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Kiril Shterev reports information about expected US assistance to Greece in 1963. Shterev acquired the information during lunch with the Greek Charge d' Affaires, Counselor Kalougeras. Kalougeras also mentioned Turkey's possible entrance into the European Economic Community and inquired about US-Bulgarian relations.

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INCOMING CABLE Nr. 650
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To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
From: Washington
Written on 18 January at 11.00 am

During the lunch with the Greek Charge d'Affaires, Counselor Kalougeras, I learned that at the NATO session in December it had been decided to grant military assistance to Greece for 1963, amounting to 23 million dollars.

During the NATO session, Turkey once again put forward the question of accelerating its accession as an auxiliary member to the Common Market [i.e., European Economic Community, or EEC]. However, the western countries were not in a hurry since the bad economic situation in Turkey would be a heavy burden for the Common Market.

I was astonished by the fact that Kalougeras was continuously asking me about details on our relations with the United States - financial, cultural, etc. It seems as if Greece is once again concerned about our relationships with the US.

[Ambassador] SHTEREV[1]

Deciphered on 22 January 1963

Notes

[1] Kiril Shterev was Charge d'Affaires in US (1962-1963), and Ambassador to Canada (1967-1971), Iran (1973-1979), and Great Britain (1980-1987).