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NICOSIA — The United States and Britain expect serious movement toward a resolution of Cyprus' divided status in the next few months, diplomats said Monday.

The U.S. ambassador, Kenneth Brill, and the British high commissioner, David Madden, concurred in the assessment after separate meet-President ings with Glavkos Klerides.

An American team from the State Department, the National Security Council and the Defense Department will go from Athens to Cyprus later this week for preliminary talks, Mr. Brill said.

"I think there will be a lot of very serious work done in 1997," he added. (AP)