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Andreas G. Papandreou, Leader of the Panhellenic Liberation Movement - PAK made public tonight the following telegram he sent to many European Prime Ministers on behalf of the National Council of PAK.

"This week the NATO Council of Ministers meets in Brussels. The Panhellenic Liberation Movement wishes to remind you of the following facts:

1. Greece is the first European country allied to the West to be subjugated to a military dictatorship since the defeat of Naziism in 1945.
2. The military dictatorship was engineered by Pentagon and CIA circles in Washington and executed by Papadopoulos and other well trained agents of the American services.
3. The military junta achieved power in Greece by employing a NATO elaborated contingency plan under the code name Prometheus.
4. The present military junta of Greece, composed of known Nazi collaborators, has received the moral, economic and military support of the US and of the European NATO countries.
5. While it is clear that the Greek military dictatorship has snuffed out freedom and democratic institutions in Greece, it would not have remained in power if the European NATO members had differentiated their positions from the U.S. in NATO . By conforming to the American demands for continuing military and moral support of the Greek junta, they share responsibility with the U.S. for the events in Greece.
6. In December 1969 the Council of Europe ousted Greece from its ranks on the grounds that the Greek junta constituted government by torture. The very same nations which through their Foreign Ministers condemned barbarism in Greece, support it militarily through NATO.
7. Those who meet in Brussels surely have the right in the name of naked power to declare that they support the military regime of Athens. The Greek people, however, have the right to fight against their oppressors of 1971 as they fought against their oppressors in the early forties."

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