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Thank you for your letter of the 27th September enclosing the communication addressed to you by the Central Committee of Dodecanesians regarding the participation of Greek forces in operations in the Dodecanese and the administration of the Islands.

I enclose a copy of an Order of the Day which is being addressed by the Commander-in-Chief to all the Greek forces under his command. From this Order of the Day it will be apparent that the Commander-in-Chief has every intention of using the Greek land forces in the best possible way as soon as he has an opportunity.

I am sure you would not wish these forces to be used exclusively in the Dodecanese, if the Allied strategy required their use elsewhere against Greek territory. I cannot, of course, give any indication of the Commanderin-Chief's intentions, but the Order of the Day is not without significance. As you will be aware, units of the Royal Hellenic Navy have from the first taken part in Dodecanesian operations; it cannot, therefore, be said that no Greek forces have participated.

As to the administration of the Dodecanese, I hope to be in a position to make a further communication to Your Excellency in the near future. I have received instructions according to which His Majesty's Government are in favour of Greek representation in the administration, although this administration must remain primarily British. Details are under consideration.

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His Excellency
Monsieur Emmanuel Tsouderos,
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