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1. Chief HNDCS Dovas informed chief JUSMACO that Greeks now ready conclude bilateral stockpile agreement. Embassy awaits negotiation instructions. Continue to believe preferable to conclude this agreement on military level, if feasible.

2. Greeks already indicating reluctance accept responsibility for construction costs on basis possibility suggested. Schuyler letter cited REFTEL that compensation may be ultimately forthcoming under NATO infrastructure procedure. Believe they will make strong play for US financing these costs. As Department aware country team on record opposing any further increase local defense costs.

3. Embassy requests guidance this point.

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