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**Fate of Greece**

To the Editor:

As colleagues of Andreas Papandreou we are understandably anxious about his fate. As his hosts last August for a series of lectures on mathematical economics we grew to respect him both as a scientist and as a man. But aside from this special case we, along with many of our fellow citizens, are deeply concerned over the broader tragedy which has befallen Greece. The Italian Government and Parliament have expressed this concern in no uncertain terms.

One aspect of recent events in Greece is particularly disturbing because it points to a possible threat to our own country as well. We feel this aspect deserves close scrutiny by the American people.

How is it possible for an army which is a part of NATO (as is our own) to be used by a partisan faction of officers to suppress the very freedom it was supposed to defend, without as much as losing its good standing within the structure of NATO? Even if we can rule out any more direct role by NATO, is this not already a form of complicity?

We have always believed that NATO was designed to defend us from tyranny, but episodes such as this—and Greece was only the most recent and most shocking incident of a series—cannot fail to erode our trust in NATO and thereby in its most powerful member: the United States of America.

What we need are concrete proofs that our faith has not been misplaced. The United States must beware of dissipating that accumulation of goodwill which reached its peak in the final year of the Kennedy Administration.

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