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Mr. Andreas Dracopoulos
Co-President and Member
The Stavros Niarchos Foundation
645 Madison Avenue, Suite 2200
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Dracopoulos:

With a heart filled with joy and pride, I was informed about one yet monumental recent contribution of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation to a public cause: the commitment of a \$130 million grant to our mother country of Greece to ease its current socio-economic crisis.

This contribution which will benefit present and future generations in Greece is a testament of the purpose and philosophy of the Foundation. Here in America, our Church has experience of such a purpose and philosophy, as well. Like many national benefactors throughout the history of Modern Greece, the Niarchos Foundation has stepped forward innumerable times to offer its assistance and treasure in support not only of Greece, but also of anything that is connected with all aspects of Hellenism and the promotion of them. This is one more example of benevolence offered by a true patriot of its own for which Hellenism is extremely proud of.

Please accept my sincere and deep congratulations for this extraordinary gift to Greece which fills with pride millions of people and invites many to emulate this action.

With prayers for the continued progress and benevolent inspiration to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, I remain

With high esteem and love in Christ,

Archbishop Demetrios of America

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