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The President and Committee wish all members and friends of our Organisation a Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year brings fulfilment to all our expectations.

IDENTIFICATIONS. In September seventeen identified remains were handed over to their relatives for proper burial. Those identified were: Eleftherios Georgiou from Aradhippou, Christakis Antona from Larnaka, Andreas Savopoulos from Ammochostos, Panayiotis Photiou from Vasili Ammochostou, Costas Photiou from Piyi and Michalakis Sideras from Ammochostos. Eleftherios Constantinou from Lefkosia, Agathangelos Angeli from Latsia, Marios Fysentzides from Lefkosia, Yiannis Zouvanis from Vrysoulles, Georgios Mavromatis from Kalo Chorio Lefkas, Nicos Christodoulou from Lefkosia, Charalambos Theologou from Filia, Costakis Pamis from Kyra, Nicos Efthymiou from Kapouti, Sofoklis Ignatiou from Lapithos and Christoforos Christoforou from Potami Morphou. To date there have been 230 identifications of Greek Cypriots and 54 of Turkish Cypriots with the DNA method.

MEETING WITH THE NEW CYPRUS CONSUL GENERAL. On Friday 22 October ORMC committee members N. Neokleous, T. Theodorou, K. Paschalis and C. Paul visited Mr Georgiou to get to know him and put to him our concerns about the fate of our Missing. Mr Georgiou said that he is with us all the way, like his predecessors and always ready to support our campaign in this country. We thanked him and pointed out that we need is better co-operation and exchange of information with Cyprus. He agreed that this is important and that he will see to it.

EU DONATION: The EU has approved a further 3 Million Euros towards the work of the Committee of Missing Persons (CMP) and for the Cultural Heritage.

MEETING WITH THERESA VILLIERS MP. On Friday 12th November 10 representatives of ORMC (UK) met with MP Theresa Villiers. A fruitful discussion took place and we put to the Minister our concerns about: a) The Turkish Military not as yet allowing excavations in military areas. b) The continuous refusal of the Turkish authorities to give the information it has about our Missing and that Turkey has not complied with the ECHR judgements against her .c) The Council of Europe, the EU including the British Government do not put enough pressure on Turkey to comply, and d) The delays in identifying the remains found. The Minister has promised to take these matters up and pass them on to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and advise us. We thanked the Minister for her continuous support and interest in the plight of our Missing.

On the right is a photo from the meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING WITH CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER MARKOS KYPRIANOU. On Tuesday 23rd November 2010 the All Party Parliamentary Group for Cyprus organised the meeting at the House of Commons. It was attended by committee members of ORMC who asked Mr Kyprianou "what was the response of the British Foreign Office as regards applying pressure on Turkey to give all the information it has on the Missing, especially those taken to Turkey and never returned". Mr Kyprianou said that the Foreign office response was that "it does its best to persuade Turkey to do that"! That sounds very familiar, as we have been given that same answer every time we visited the Foreign and Commonwealth Office over the last

CUTTING OF THE NEW YEAR'S CAKE: This will take place on Sunday 16th January 2011 at St Barnabas Hall, Finsbury Road, immediately after the service at St Mary's Church in Wood Green. A memorial will be held for those Missing identified and buried and prayers will be said for the fate of all the rest of our Missing. The Cyprus Consul General Mr George Georgiou will attend and give a short talk. All members, friends and supporters will be most welcome.



20 or so years. We are not at all happy about this as we strongly believe that our own British Government can do a lot more than that. Let us hope that the new Government has a different approach and we get better results.