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While His Wife Swims, Onassis Talks Business With Premier



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Before returning to the island of Skorpios, Aristotle S. Onassis talks with son, Alexander, at airport in Athens.

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ATHENS, Oct. 24—Aristotle Socrates Onassis' flew to Athens today to talk business while his wife, the former Mrs. John F. Kennedy, went swimming off the Onassis-owned island of Skorpios.

Before he returned to his island, in the Ionian sea, tonight, Mr. Onassis conferred with Premier George Papadopoulos for five hours on a \$360-million investment package for Greece.

Local newsmen said that he told them that he and his wife had telephoned Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, today to thank him for his defense of their Greek Orthodox wedding.

Roman Catholic clergymen, including some in the Vatican, have said that the new Mrs. Onassis' marriage was invalid in the eyes of the church because of her husband's 1960 divorce.

Cardinal Cushing said that she could marry "whomever she wants" and that talk of her as a public sinner and

candidate for excommunication was a "lot of nonsense."

Mr. Onassis reported that he and his wife were happy and planned to remain on his luxurious Yacht, Christina, for the time being. He said that they did not plan an early return to New York.

"The weather is beautiful and we want to enjoy it for swimming, sunbathing and fishing," he said.

The investment proposals under discussion with the army-backed regime here include a new oil refinery, an aluminum process plant, shipyards and new tourist facilities. The details have not been disclosed.

Mr. Onassis' proposals would be beneficial to Greece, which has been actively soliciting new private investment. The regime has provided financial incentive to attract capital, but United States investors in particular have been cautious since the army junta seized power 17 months ago.