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being politically vindicated. The epilogue of this book demonstrates based on specific historical episodes, that the "Greek Fire" and the Monroe Doctrine set in many ways the political framework that came to define Hellenic-American relations for almost the next two centuries.

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