

Visit to the UK by Turkish President - Mr. Evren and his successor Mr Ozal

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From the Private Secretary

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12 September 1990

Dear Simon,

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The Turkish Ambassador came to see me this morning on another matter, but took the opportunity to say that President Ozal would be passing through London on 23 September on his way to the United States and would very much like to meet the Prime Minister briefly. Failing that, they might have a talk in the margins of the World Childrens Summit in New York the following weekend.

I said that I knew the Prime Minister would very much like to see President Ozal. It was not clear whether she would be back in the country by 23 September. The safer course might therefore be to plan on a bilateral in New York on 30 September or 1 October. We would be in touch about precise times.

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We have not yet fixed times for any of the Prime Minister's bilaterals in New York. Obviously the first priority must be to find time for a good talk with President Bush. It would be helpful if the Embassy in Washington could sound out the White House about possibilities on 30 September and 1 October. we can then offer President Ozal (and no doubt others) a time.

Yours sincerely,  
C. D. Powell

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Simon Gass, Esq.,  
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*Dear Ria Hunter,*

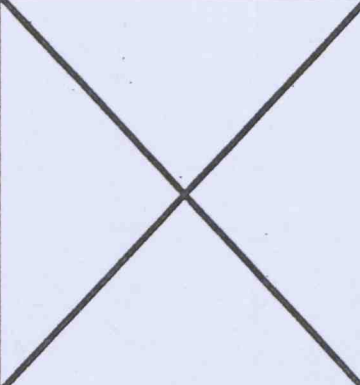
Thank you so much for asking me to lunch today to meet the Turkish President Mr Evren. There can be no-one at the lunch who was not impressed by the friendly atmosphere together with the most delicious lunch all in the most beautiful surroundings.

Again with very many thanks and with very best wishes for the future.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Tessa Keswick*

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PRIME MINISTER

**LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT EVREN**

By agreement, there are to be no speeches. But if you want to say a few words of welcome following the loyal toast, points you might make are:

- a warm welcome to President Evren and his daughter and hopes for a successful and enjoyable visit.
- delighted to repay hospitality you received on your own memorable visit to Turkey in April.
- the great impression which Turkey made on you as a dynamic and bustling country.
- a tribute to the role played by President Evren in guiding Turkey back to democracy.
- the importance of our links with Turkey through NATO and hopes for increasingly close cooperation in other bodies.

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12 July, 1988.

THE PRIME MINISTER

will be escorted by

PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT

in the Royal Procession to the Banquet Table.

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Dear Charles,

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Turkish State Visit: Prime Minister's Lunch

You asked for a "few words" on which the Prime Minister might draw when welcoming President Evren at lunch next week. We suggest the following:

- great pleasure to welcome you and your daughter to this house on your second visit to Britain
- and to repay to you some of the marvellous hospitality I received during my visit to your country in April
- the dynamism of Turkey and its people made a great impression on me
- greatly respect the role that you personally have played in steering Turkey back to the path of democracy
- underline how much we value our close links
  - through our common alliance
  - through our thriving trade
  - and through the ever growing range of direct contacts between our peoples

Yours ever,  
L. Parker

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*You will wish to see - but I doubt if the President will be briefed in this sort of detail.*

*Dear Margaret,*

You may recall that you asked me, as we were taking leave of you on Thursday evening, about Davy's activities and future prospects in Turkey. This was, of course, in the light of the State Visit by the President of Turkey this week.

I promised to let you have a brief which I accordingly enclose.

*With sincere good wishes.*

*Yours ever*

JELlicoe

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## DAVY CORPORATION PLC

### BRIEF ON TURKEY

#### PAST DAVY CONTRACTS

During the past ten years, Davy companies have secured over 30 individual contracts in Turkey. However, except for orders for the supply of miscellaneous equipment from our Sheffield works and a rod mill supplied by Ashlow, one of our companies, via the Japanese, and at present under construction for Sevas Deceko, the majority of the plants have been provided by Zimmer in Germany. Zimmer is a wholly owned Davy subsidiary.

No less than 18 polyester fibre plants have been built in Turkey by Zimmer over the past ten years with a number of them as repeat orders from Filament AS.

#### CURRENT PROSPECTS

Davy's current prospects quoted from the UK are centred on the development of the Ereğli Iron and Steelworks on the Black Sea Coast. Three Davy companies are currently involved in negotiations for separate parts of Ereğli's modernisation programme. Further details are given below.

Turkey will continue to expand its steel industry rapidly. In 1980 Turkey produced 2.5M tonnes. However, by 1987 production had risen to 6.8M tonnes and this is expected to increase to approximately 11M tonnes in 1994.

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We are working with Mitsui in Japan in order to utilise OECF funds for the Turkish supply element. In parallel we will be bidding directly on the basis of UK finance. We have an offer from ECGD for the offshore supply but as yet no cover for local work. Application has been made for ATP assistance via PEP.

**New Slab continuous casting facilities (Davy Distington)**

Our quotation is to be submitted by the end of September 1988.

The value of the two slab casting machines, including certain ancilliary equipment, is expected to be £34M, of which £25M will be UK supply. An application has been made to ECGD and for ATP assistance.

**Steckle mill modernisation (Davy McKee Sheffield)**

The latest quotation was submitted at the end of June and it is expected that this section of the modernisation programme will be the first contract to be negotiated by the client. The package for the mill modernisation, which is valued at £22/£24M, depending on the client's final choice of equipment and sourcing, consists of a number of speciality items of equipment made by our Sheffield Works, together with electrical equipment of over £4M which could come from Italy.

Negotiations are in progress with ECGD and an application has been made for ATP.

As will be seen, each of the three quotations are being negotiated with ECGD, and PEP have been fully advised.

The total project is extremely important to Davy. It would be the first significant entry for us into the iron and steel sector in Turkey and would lay the foundation for further work in the anticipated expansion of the Turkish steel industry.

It would be helpful to have the President's comments relating to the following:

- \* The priority given to the overall project and the Turkish Government's determination to proceed to programme.
- \* Is it the intention to re-apply for World Bank finance?
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OTHER PROSPECTS

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*Jan Charles.*

You may remember that when Philippa and I were leaving No.10 after that excellent dinner party for Peter and Iona Carrington, I mentioned that the Prime Minister had asked me, when we were taking leave of her, about Davy's prospects in Turkey. This was, of course, in the light of the President of Turkey's State Visit this week.

You said that it would be useful if I could let No.10 have a short brief on this no later than today.

I accordingly enclose a letter to the Prime Minister together with two copies (one for you) of the brief.

I have sent additional copies of the brief to Alan Clark and to Sir James Cleminson.\*

*All good wishes. Yours ever*

JELlicoe

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\* And also to Malcolm Stephens of ECGD



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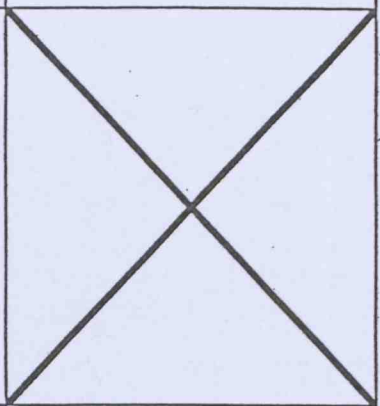
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PRIME MINISTER

## MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EVREN

You are to have a meeting with President Evren before your lunch in his honour on Wednesday 13 July. The President will be accompanied by the Turkish Foreign Minister and the Turkish Ambassador. The Foreign Secretary and our Ambassador in Ankara will also be present.

You will remember that your last conversation with President Evren, in Ankara in April, concentrated on Cyprus and the Middle East. A note of that talk is in the folder.

You will also find in the folder the draft Foreign Office letter about the meeting. As you will see, President Evren has made a veiled threat that the military might have to intervene in Turkish politics again if certain extremist tendencies get out of hand. He clearly has in mind the gathering strength of the extreme right wing within Mr. Ozal's party.

Points which you may like to raise with the President are:

- (1) an expression of sympathy for the dreadful landslip at Chatak last month. You will also want to express relief at Mr. Ozal's fortunate escape in the assassination attempt;
- his recent visit to Washington. This might lead on to a more general discussion of East/West relations, following last week's Party conference. You might ask his views on the continuing unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan (which are of course just over the border from Turkey);
- on Cyprus, you might welcome the beneficial influence which the Turkish Government has exerted on Mr. Denktash



to secure his agreement to participate in a meeting with President Vassiliou under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary General. We have been similarly active in encouraging President Vassiliou to take part. It is important not to let this opportunity slip: your assessment remains that President Vassiliou means business;

- you will want to refer to developments in the Gulf and ask whether he sees any better prospects than in April for a start to negotiations between Iran and Iraq through the Secretary General. The Iranians have taken quite a battering recently and ought to be more inclined to move towards a settlement. It will be interesting to see whether he sees a role for Turkey;
- on European issues, there is little you can add to what was said in Ankara in April. We approach the issue of Turkey's application for membership of the EEC with the importance of our links with Turkey very much in mind. We regret Greek behaviour which led to postponement of the EC/Turkey Association Council and shall continue to work for a Council to be held;
- on trade, it seems that the third Bosphorus Bridge is postponed indefinitely but we have got the contract for the Istanbul Urban Expressway. Nothing has come up on the defence front yet. You certainly will not want to go into details on this sort of occasion. But it will be helpful if you could slip in a reference to our readiness to help supply Turkey's defence needs.

There are a number of issues which the President may raise:

- WEU membership. The Turks have put in an application. As current chairmen of WEU we are bringing it to the attention of other member states. But there is little prospect of it succeeding while Greece and Turkey remain at odds in NATO;



- Turkish minority in Bulgaria. He may refer to the oppression of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria. You will want to express sympathy;
  
- he may raise a point on air traffic rights requesting rights for Turkish Airlines to fly beyond London to New York and Washington. We cannot agree this because Turkey has no equally valuable reciprocal rights to offer us in return. If we give rights to Turkey without any balancing concession, we shall have a host of other countries round our necks;
  
- he is likely to raise renewal of the lease of the Turkish Embassy's premises in London. We have done what we can to help, but the landlords are private and we cannot compel them to agree to anything nor can we provide a building. Meanwhile we remain unhappy about the Turkish Government's failure to give us planning permission to build more houses in our compound in Ankara.

C.D.P

(C.D. POWELL)

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TURKISH STATE VISIT: TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT EVREN AND  
THE PRIME MINISTER: 13 JULY 1988

CAVEAT .....

President Evren of Turkey is to hold talks with the Prime  
Minister at 1215 on 13 July, immediately before the lunch  
the Prime Minister is giving in the President's honour.

The President will be accompanied by his Foreign  
Minister, Mr Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Ambassador, Mr  
Rahmi Gümürkcüoğlu, and the President's Secretary, Mr Ali  
Tuygan. Mr Tuygan act as interpreter. The Foreign  
Secretary and Timothy Daunt will also be present.

The Prime Minister last met President Evren during her  
visit to Turkey in April when they exchanged views on  
Cyprus, the Middle East and the European Community.

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Since then the President has been active domestically  
and recently caused some controversy when, in a speech  
defending the military intervention in 1980, he said that



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the Armed Forces would save Turkey again should Turkey ever find itself in a similar position. He is also suspected of having put pressure on Prime Minister Özal not to yield to the ruling Motherland Party's reactionary right wing when it gained 35 out of the 50 seats on the Party's National Executive at its Annual Conference in June (at which the attempt to assassinate Mr Özal took place). A subsequent Cabinet re-shuffle did not reflect the shift in power in the Party Executive; this indicates that the President did not wish to see power given to those supporting Islamic fundamentalism within the Party. Nevertheless the combination of the assassination attempt and demonstrations of strength by the reactionary right wing have shaken confidence in Turkey. This has been compounded by a marked slow-down in the economy, coupled with rising inflation (currently 74%).

The President visited the United States from 27 June to 1 July. The visit went reasonably well but was marred by Vice-President Bush's decision at short notice not to attend a dinner being given in his honour by President Evren.

When greeting the President, the Prime Minister may wish to express her sympathy over the landslip at Catak (pronounced Chatak) last month. It is still not known how many were killed. So far around 60 bodies have been recovered including those of 2 German tourists. There is no evidence of Britons being involved. The Queen sent a message of sympathy to the President (as did the Prime



Minister to Mr Özal).

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The Prime Minister may wish to cover the following substantive issues during her talks:

East/West Relations

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The President will no doubt wish to brief the Prime Minister on his visit to the United States, and give his view of Turkey's relations with the United States after President Reagan steps down from office. In giving our views, the Prime Minister will wish to bear in mind Turkish sensitivity over their exposed position on NATO's Southern Flank and stress the importance of a co-ordinated NATO response to Gorbachev's foreign policy PR initiatives. East-West relations are not simply a matter for the US and USSR. The Prime Minister may also wish to discuss developments at last week's Communist Party Conference in the Soviet Union which saw a frank and largely public debate unknown in the Soviet Union for over 50 years.

The President, who is likely to have followed closely what is taking place in Armenia and Azerbaijan, may have some useful comments on Gorbachev's refusal to compromise on the nationalities question.

On East/West more widely, the Prime Minister could emphasise that although the Russians have moved towards us on a number of issues (INF, Afghanistan, Human Rights)



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there is still a long way to go. We should continue to seek a worthwhile and constructive dialogue but not to assist Mr Gorbachev at the price of sacrificing our fundamental interests or values. The Soviet Union's massive superiority in conventional weapons and the continuing activities of the KGB are of a particular worry to both us and the Turks.

Arms Control

The Prime Minister might ask President Evren for his views on conventional arms control. One of the outstanding issues to be resolved before a CST mandate can be agreed is how much of their territory the Turks wish to be excluded from the Atlantic to Urals Zone (this is likely to cover strips of territory adjacent to their non-Warsaw Pact eastern and south eastern neighbours). The Prime Minister might impress on the President the need for Turks to present a detailed proposal soon; and ask how the President sees the burden sharing debate developing. The President may wish to discuss prospects for military assistance to Turkey from other NATO countries, and thus raise by implication the question of UK military assistance. Officials are studying the possibility of an increase in our assistance, but it would be premature to discuss this in detail until we are clearer on what we can offer.



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As the Prime Minister will be aware from her discussions with him in Ankara in April, President Evren is a hard-liner on Cyprus. He told the Prime Minister then that he doubted that the Greek Cypriots really wanted to negotiate a settlement; and that he was against any withdrawal of troops from northern Cyprus as a confidence-building gesture. The Prime Minister may wish therefore to stress the continuing need for both Turkish and Greek Cypriots to be flexible in their approach to the UN Secretary-General's new proposals (for an early meeting with President Vassiliou in Geneva with Mr Perez de Cuellar, leading immediately to negotiations against a one-year deadline). She might refer to her personal message to Mr Özal of 30 June (of which the President will be aware) and say that she knows that we and the Turks share the goal of a reunified Republic of Cyprus with a bi-zonal, federal structure.

The Prime Minister's message to Mr Özal may well have persuaded the Turks to lean hard on Mr Denktash during his visit to Ankara (4-6 July), which included a call on President Evren. Following that meeting, the Presidential spokesman announced that Mr Denktash was prepared to meet President Vassiliou without pre-conditions. The UN Special Representative in Cyprus has confirmed to us that Mr Denktash had been persuaded to agree to the meeting in Geneva on the basis proposed by the Secretary-General, but with one main proviso: that



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the Secretary-General's draft texts should include a reference to 1980 and 1984 documents, as well as to the 1977 and 1979 high-level agreements. The Secretary-General is prepared to go along with this, but President Vassiliou is less than happy. There are in any case problems over dates: Mr Denktash is now talking about late August, but might accept a meeting in Geneva later this month if President Vassiliou swallows adjustments to the texts. President Vassiliou will need encouragement if he is to go ahead. We have therefore recommended a personal message from the Prime Minister.

If these problems are to be overcome, further Turkish intervention may well be necessary with Mr Denktash. The Prime Minister might therefore express pleasure at the progress which has been made in the last few weeks and congratulate the President for the positive way the Turks have used their influence with Mr Denktash. She might also re-emphasise our readiness to continue to support the Secretary-General's efforts where we can, and our belief that Vassiliou means business. We will do what we can to encourage him to go forward; we very much hope the Turks will continue to do the same with Mr Denktash.

Iran/Iraq

President Evren is likely to raise the Iran/Iraq conflict. The Prime Minister may wish to reiterate the importance we attach to early and full implementation of SCR 598, which is underlined by the tragic destruction of



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the Iran Airbus on 3 July. She will wish to emphasize our continuing support for the Secretary-General and for follow up action as necessary by the Security Council in order to enforce compliance. The Prime Minister may also wish to highlight the importance of not allowing Iran to exploit the Airbus incident to undermine international unanimity in support of SCR 598. The Security Council is expected to meet on 12 July at Iran's request.

The Turks preserve a careful balance in their relations with Iran and Iraq and may have a role to play in arrangements for a settlement of the conflict at some stage - for example as a staging post in the exchange of POWs.

Turkish Minority in Bulgaria

The President will probably raise with the Prime Minister the ethnic Turkish minority in Bulgaria. The minority (10% of the Bulgarian population) has been subjected to restrictions for some years. Use of the Turkish language in public is forbidden and Moslem practices are heavily discouraged. In early 1985, ethnic Turks were forced to adopt "Bulgarian" names. This reportedly led to violent clashes and deaths. The Bulgarian authorities deny the very existence of a Turkish minority. In February, Bulgaria and Turkey agreed to bilateral talks, but little has been achieved so far. The Prime Minister may wish to say that the UK continues to be concerned at reports concerning the minority and has raised the problem on



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numerous occasions both bilaterally and in multilateral fora. The Foreign Secretary raised it with the Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Minister in London on 29 June.

International Terrorism

The Prime Minister will no doubt express her relief that Prime Minister Özal was not seriously injured as a result of the attempt on his life on 18 June. She may wish to enquire whether it has now been established whether the assailant had firm connections with any terrorist organisation. She will also wish to seek assurance from President Evren that Prime Minister Özal's recent visit to Libya is not a prelude to warmer relations, and remind him that we have no reason to believe that Libya has changed its attitude as a state sponsor of terrorism (vide the Eksund shipments); we should be interested in Turkey's assessment, ~~of Libya~~. The Prime Minister might also welcome the close contact and co-operation between our countries on counter-terrorism.

Air Traffic Rights

We understand that President Evren will raise Turkish Airlines' (THY) request for rights to fly beyond London to New York and Washington. This was discussed at recent inter-governmental air service talks at which little progress was made. We are not prepared to grant such traffic rights unless we receive in return equally valuable reciprocal rights; these Turkey cannot provide.



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To give such rights to Turkish airlines without reciprocity would lead to a flood of similar requests from other foreign airlines. If this matter is raised, the Prime Minister might say that air traffic rights beyond London to the United States are very valuable and have been given to foreign airlines only in exceptional circumstances in exchange for rights of equivalent value. At present we do not see any prospect of these conditions being met in the case of Turkish airlines.

Turkish Embassy Lease

We understand that the President will raise the question of the renewal of the lease of the Embassy premises in London. The Turkish offices are dispersed between Belgrave Square and the residence at Portland Place and are owned by the Grosvenor and Howard de Walden Estates respectively (both private family trusts operating on a commercial basis). The leases held by the Turks are due to expire in 1990 but they have so far been unable to agree terms. The Turks have on several occasions sought our intervention with their landlords, but we have said that we can exert no influence over them nor can we meet an alternative Turkish demand for a freehold site in London to be acquired with HMG's financial assistance. In explaining this, the Prime Minister might also point out that we have provided the Turks with contacts and given advice about the property market. The Prime Minister should also be aware that for several years we have had plans to build more staff houses in our Embassy



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compound in Ankara but the Turkish MFA have refused to give planning permission for these until their London Embassy's accommodation problems have been resolved. The Prime Minister might express disappointment that our plans remain unapproved.

European Issues

Turkey's case for accession to the EC will feature prominently in President Evren's public speeches, but we do not expect him to press the Prime Minister on this occasion. The Commission's opinion is unlikely before Spring 1989 at the earliest (once the new Commission have settled in). We can say nothing substantive until then. The Turks' main concern is the opening of negotiations with the clear objective of eventual accession, not early accession itself. They seem to have been well satisfied with the line which the Prime Minister took during her visit to Turkey in April, when she stressed the importance which the UK attaches to all our links with Turkey and made clear that we were committed to making the fullest use of the existing Association Agreement.

The only significant development in EC/Turkey relations since the Prime Minister's visit was the last minute postponement of the EC/Turkey Association Council on 25 April. The Turks refused to accept a reference in the speech to be made by the German Presidency to the Cyprus problem as one which affected the EC/Turkey relationship. This was inserted at Greek insistence and accepted by



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other member states on the basis of (mistaken) Presidency assurances that the Turks were prepared to live with it.

Although discussion of political issues did take place over dinner, the Turks were infuriated by the Presidency's handling of the affair. The Prime Minister sent a well-received message to Mr Özal, regretting that the meeting had not taken place. Prospects for a reinstatement of the Council in the near future are slight: there is no chance during the Greek Presidency.

The Spaniards have told us that they will hold the Council if success is assured; but the Greeks appear determined not to withdraw from what they claim is now an agreed Community position. If President Evren suggests that the failure of the Council shows that there is no life left in the Association Agreement, the Prime Minister might say that, while we regret the misunderstandings that led to the abandonment of the Council, we believe that the Agreement provides a basis for co-operation and that it is vital to make it work to the fullest extent possible.

President Evren is sensitive to criticism of Turkey. He was particularly angered by a European Parliament resolution last year about Turkey's treatment of Kurdish minorities. If he complains about the EP's attitude, the Prime Minister might say that the attitude of outside bodies is bound to be affected by their perception of human rights issues. Turkey's greatly improved record has strengthened our hand in arguing Turkey's case in fora like the Community and the Council of Europe. It is



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very much in Turkey's interests for this improvement to be sustained. The Prime Minister might add that more direct contacts between European and Turkish parliamentarians would also be helpful; and that we therefore welcome the recent vote by the EP's External Relations Committee in favour of reactivating the dormant EP/Turkish Joint Parliamentary Commission.

The Prime Minister should also be aware that the Geneva-based human rights group, Defence for Children International, is to launch a report on the treatment of children in Turkish prisons at a press conference at the House of Commons on 11 July. While pointing to improvements in certain areas, the report will be critical of the use of adult prisons and the lack of juvenile courts in dealing with young offenders. The report also contains allegations of the abuse and torture of children in detention.

It is possible that evidence could emerge that Turkey is in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights and the UN and European Conventions Against Torture signed and ratified by Turkey earlier this year. The publication of the report has been deliberately timed to coincide with the State Visit. By the time the Prime Minister meets the President, it may have been taken up by the media.

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The Prime Minister should be aware that the Turkish



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Ambassador called on the Foreign Secretary on July 4 and delivered a letter from the Turkish Foreign Minister seeking membership of the WEU; the Foreign Secretary said he would bring the contents of the letter to the attention of his colleagues at their next Ministerial meeting in November.

It is hard to see this proposal prospering in the near future, partly because one of the agreed conditions for candidates for WEU membership is that they should have resolved any outstanding problems within NATO (a condition which would cover the Greek/Turkish dispute) and partly because our 6 WEU partners (who have, of course, not yet considered the possibility of Turkish accession) are disposed to start from the premise that EC membership should be a pre-condition of WEU membership.

Barriers to Trade

If the question of barriers to trade is raised, the Prime Minister will no doubt wish to make clear that we regard this as an EC/Turkey matter, and not a bilateral question. The UK is concerned, however, about barriers to trade between the EC and Turkey (e.g. state subsidies and high rates of taxation for imports). The EC Commission proposal, for a committee of experts from both sides to study these problems, is very helpful. We hope that discussions can begin soon.



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The Prime Minister may wish to be aware of the latest position on a number of further matters, although we do not expect them to be raised during the talks.

Defence Sales

There has been no significant movement in negotiations for sales of defence equipment since the Prime Minister's visit in April. We are still hopeful that a major contract may be given in the autumn to either Marconi or Plessey who are competing to supply portable radios. There are other major projects in the pipeline.

Commercial Sales

The Prime Minister will recall the "ground breaking" ceremony for the project to convert Ankara to natural gas, during her recent visit to Turkey. AMEC have now started work.

We believe the third Bosphorus Bridge project has been deferred indefinitely, although Mayor Dalan nurtures hopes for a start in 1989. On a brighter note, we understand that the Tarmac/Wimpey consortium (TWEEK) project - the Istanbul Urban Expressway - will go ahead quickly. Mayor Dalan has accepted the offer of studies for the Expressway made by the Prime Minister following her meeting with him in Istanbul. Terms of Reference and costs are being determined as a matter of urgency, so that the studies may begin as soon as the contract is



that the studies may begin as soon as the contract is signed with TWEEN.

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Provisional figures for the first 5 months of this year show that Turkish exports to the UK increased by 81% whereas British exports to Turkey went up by 12%.

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7 July 1988

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Dear Charles,

Turkish State Visit: Demonstrations

As you may know there are likely to be demonstrations and pickets during next week's State Visit.

The Turkish Ambassador called on Sir Patrick Wright on 29 June to express concern about the demonstrations. Sir Patrick responded sympathetically but pointed out that freedom of expression is the democratic right of everyone living in this country and that no action could be taken provided those involved kept within the law. He assured the Ambassador that the police would take all appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the President and his party.

I attach a list of demonstrations which the Police expect to take place; this is bound to be provisional at this stage. We shall be kept informed of significant changes. The police have told us that they are well aware of Turkish sensitivities. They have stressed that they will do all they can to ensure that disturbance and disruption are kept to the minimum consistent with the freedom to demonstrate.

Roger Hervey has written in similar terms to Sir William Heseltine to keep the Palace informed.

I am copying this letter to Philip Mawer (Home Office).

Yours ever,  
L Parker

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

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TURKISH STATE VISIT: 12-15 JULY 1988: DEMONSTRATIONS

LONDON

Sunday 10 July

March by the National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain from Hyde Park via Grosvenor Place, Chapel Street, Upper Belgrave Road - dispersing at Grosvenor Gardens. Over 2,000 participants expected. This is an annual event to protest against Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus.

Tuesday 12 July

National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain intend to organise pickets along the route (exact locations not yet known). Protest against the President's visit.

The Committee to Stop President Evren's Visit intend to mount pickets at Victoria Station and outside Buckingham Palace. No more than 2-3000 participants expected at either venue.

The Cyprus/Turkish Association will demonstrate in support of the President's visit at Trafalgar Square. Police expect approximately 500 participants.

Groups from Turkish schools at various locations along The Mall will also demonstrate in support of the visit.

Wednesday 13 July

National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain will lobby Parliament. Approximately 100 expected to assemble at the St Stephen's entrance at 1430 hours. Protest against the State Visit.

A picket outside the Embassy throughout the State Visit will be mounted by the National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain. They have stated their intention is to mount a 24-hour picket,

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though the police think that the picket will be from 1000 to 1800 hours only. They anticipate approximately 50 persons at any one time.

CAMBRIDGE

Leaflets have been distributed protesting against the State Visit. So far, however, the police have no information of planned demonstrations. Spontaneous demonstrations cannot be ruled out.



From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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HOME OFFICE  
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*Paul Hunter*

6 July 1988

*Dear Nigel,*

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**THREAT ASSESSMENT: STATE VISIT OF  
THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY**

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We spoke recently about the assessment of the threat to the President of Turkey during his forthcoming State Visit. I attach a copy of the assessment prepared by the Security Service, which you will see suggests that the threat to the President from Armenian and Kurdish groups on this occasion is low. The level of threat could change rapidly, however, in response to events in Turkey.

We are also making enquiries of MPSB and will let you know if any further information emerges from them.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Tony Galsworthy (FCO) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely,*

*P J C Mawer*

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21 TURKEY

22 1. Further to your tel 228 of 8 June 1988.

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24 2. We have no intelligence of a specific threat from any

25 non-Irish Republican terrorist group to the President of Turkey

26 during his proposed state visit to the UK in July.

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28 3. The main threat to Turkish interests in the UK is likely

29 to arise from Armenian terrorists and Kurdish separatists.

30 Although there are supporters of Armenian terrorist groups

31 in the UK no Armenian group is known to have a current capability

32 to mount attacks here. In February this year 20 members of

33 the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) were sentenced to death in

34 Turkey for terrorist activity, giving rise to PKK demonstrations

35 in several European countries, none of which were violent.

36 There are PKK supporters in the UK, but the PKK is not known

37 to have a terrorist capability here. We therefore assess

38 the threat to the President of Turkey from Armenian and Kurdish

39 groups on this occasion as low. The level of threat could

40 change rapidly, however, in response to events in Turkey,

41 for example if the death sentences on PKK members were carried

42 out.

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38 **FOR THE ATTENTION OF:-**

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41 **COLIN WALTERS ESQ**

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28 June 1988

*From the Private Secretary*

STATE VISIT BY PRESIDENT EVREN OF TURKEY:  
TALKS AT NO. 10

Thank you for your letter of 28 June suggesting an agenda for the Prime Minister's talks with President Evren on 13 July. I am content with what you propose.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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28 June 1988

*Dear Charles,*

State Visit of President Evren of Turkey: Talks at No 10

We have been giving some thought to the main subjects which might be covered in the Prime Minister's brief when she meets President Evren before the lunch at No 10 on 13 July.

The talks will last only 45 minutes, with interpretation. But as they will be the only opportunity for ministerial discussion with the President during his visit, it would be worth trying to cover the following:

(a) Nato and East West Relations. This might be raised in the context of the President's visit to the United States (29 June - 3 July); he might be able to comment on the prospects for Turkey's relations with the US after President Reagan steps down from office.

(b) Cyprus. Although the President is likely to produce a re-run of the lecture he gave the Prime Minister during her visit to Ankara in April, we have a real interest in a settlement and it would be a mistake not to raise the subject.

(c) Terrorism. The recent dramatic assassination attempt on Prime Minister Ozal brings this subject sharply into focus. The President should be sympathetic to our tough line.

The Prime Minister will also be defensively briefed in case the President raises the Turkish application to join the EC.

Once we have your views on these suggestions, we will seek the agreement of the Turks and see if they have any other subjects which they wish to propose.

*Long over, Lynn Powell*

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

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State Visit of

The President of the Republic of Turkey

Arrival Victoria Station

Tuesday, 12th July, 1988

The Comptroller has pleasure in enclosing:-

1. The Ceremonial for the above State Visit.
2. A Green Crown and a numbered windscreen label.
3. A Police route and timing. The movement of Troops near Victoria Station sometimes causes delay and it would be wise to allow an extra minute or two to the timing given.

Arrangements should be made to arrive at Hudson's Place, Victoria Station, a little before 12.10 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th July. Cars should set down opposite the entrance to the Royal Waiting Room through which access is obtained to No. 2 Platform.



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26 May 1988

*Mrs. Goodchild* ✓ JS  
This means tonight,  
plus a few words of  
welcome from the PM  
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*Dear Charles,*

Turkish State Visit: Meeting and Lunch with the Prime Minister  
on 13 July *Map*

Thank you for your letter of 24 May.

We have informed the Turks. They are content to follow the usual practice.

*X* | The President's doctor and a security officer will arrive at 12.15 pm with the President and those listed in Tony Galsworthy's letter of 24 May. The remainder of the suite will not arrive until 1.00 pm.

*Yours ever,*

*L Parker*

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Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

24 May 1988

Dear Tony,

TURKISH STATE VISIT  
MEETING AND LUNCH WITH PRIME MINISTER ON 13 JULY

Thank you for your letter of 24 May about the arrangements for President Evren's meeting and lunch with the Prime Minister. I agree with what you propose about participation in the talks.

As for the toasts at lunch, the practice which we have developed here when there are no formal speeches is for the visiting Head of State to propose The Queen. The Prime Minister then replies by proposing the President. Everyone sits down but the Prime Minister then rises again and says a few brief words of welcome. The guest does not normally reply. If he does reply, then we are more or less back in the situation of having speeches, particularly if there is a need for interpretation. My preference would therefore be to stick to our usual informal practice. But if the Turks insist on President Evren replying, I will consult the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell

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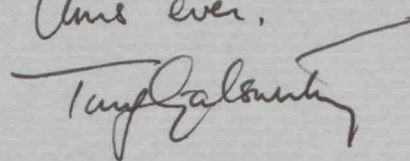
Dear Charles,

Turkish State Visit: Meeting and Lunch with the  
Prime Minister on 13 July

Thank you for your letter <sup>at 11.15</sup> of 12 May about interpretation at the Prime Minister's meeting with President Evren on 13 July and at the subsequent lunch. I confirm that Mrs McLellan will interpret at the lunch.

I note from your letter of 21 May that the Prime Minister will wish to say a few words of welcome after the toast. I confirm that we shall provide some notes for this. The Turks have, however, sought guidance on whether the President should himself propose a toast and acknowledge the Prime Minister's words of welcome with a few words of his own. If possible, it would be helpful to have your guidance on this point before our final meeting with the Turkish recce party on Wednesday 25 May at midday.

I should also correct the timing in Lyn Parker's letter of 12 May. The talks at No 10 with the President will of course begin at 1215 hrs (and not noon). The Turks have proposed that those present on their side, other than the President, should be the Foreign Minister, the Ambassador, Mr Tuygan (to interpret) and Mr Ermisoglu (to take a note). On our side, I imagine you will want Timothy Daunt present, as well as the Foreign Secretary and yourself. The remainder of the Turkish suite will not arrive until 1300 hrs.

Yours ever,  


(A C Galsworthy)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street



TURKEY: visit of  
Turkish President

March 88







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*From the Private Secretary*

21 May 1988

*Dear Sir,*

**TURKISH STATE VISIT**

Thank you for your letter of 20 May saying that the Turkish side would be happy to dispense with speeches at the Prime Minister's lunch with President Evren. I am sure that the Prime Minister would equally be content to do without a speech but will certainly want to say a few words of welcome after the Toast. I am grateful for your offer to provide some notes.

*Yours sincerely*

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





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20 May 1988

Dear Charles,

Turkish State Visit

Your letter of 13 May to Tony Galsworthy set out the likely requirements for draft speeches over the next few months. Your list included the lunch for President Evren on 13 July.

We have consulted the Turkish Embassy, who would be happy to dispense with speeches on this occasion. The President will have made a speech at the State Banquet the previous day and he will be making a speech that evening at the Guildhall.

I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister would be content to proceed on this basis. I assume that she would nevertheless wish to say a few words after the toast. If so, we will provide notes for this by 6 July.

copy over,

L Parker

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Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

13 May 1988

Dear Tom

FORTHCOMING FOREIGN VISITORS: SPEECHES

It may be helpful to set down the likely requirement for draft speeches on occasions when the Prime Minister is giving a lunch or dinner for a distinguished foreign visitor over the next few months. They are as follows:

- President Reagan. This will be a small dinner and a speech by the Prime Minister is likely to be of a highly personal nature. But it would be helpful if Sir Antony Acland could be asked to suggest one or two points for it, in particular references which would give the President pleasure (i.e. specific events, decisions or achievements of his Presidency). It would be helpful to have this by 26 May.

- President of Tanzania. We need a draft for an after-dinner speech by 26 May (to allow for the Whitsun recess). It should have some historical and personal allusions.

- Crown Prince Abdullah. We need to establish whether or not there will be speeches. If there are to be, then a draft will be needed by Wednesday 8 June.

BSF // - President Evren. Again we need to decide whether there will be speeches. If there are, then a draft would be needed by 6 July.

- President Jaywardene. I am not sure whether his visit is confirmed yet. Assuming it is, we shall need a speech (bearing in mind that the Prime Minister has already made speeches both at Downing Street and in Sri Lanka on occasions when he has been present). A draft please by Wednesday 20 July.

- Prime Minister of Malta. We shall need a draft speech by 7 September.

you directly  
(C. D. POWELL)  
Chris Powell

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*From the Private Secretary*

13 May 1988

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 11 May concerning the State Visit of the President of Turkey. We have noted carefully the points made in your letter.

Mrs T Gaisman

Lieutenant-Colonel George West, CVO

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*From the Private Secretary*

12 May 1988

**TURKISH STATE VISIT:**  
**MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 12 May about interpretation at the Prime Minister's meeting with President Evren on 13 July. I am sure that the Prime Minister would be perfectly content to use the President's Private Secretary as the sole interpreter at this meeting. I assume that someone else, perhaps Mrs. McLellan, will interpret at the subsequent lunch.

C. D. Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





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12 May 1988

*cck*  
*22nd Charles,*

Turkish State Visit: Meeting with Prime Minister, 13 July

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You wrote on 22 March, agreeing that the Prime Minister would receive President Evren at 12 noon for three-quarters of an hour's discussion before lunch.

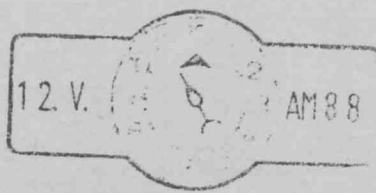
We are having some difficulty in finding a suitable interpreter for this meeting. As you may imagine, there are not many professional Turkish language interpreters in London. We have found two but both would be unacceptable to the Turks (one is a political refugee and the other is an Armenian). Mrs McLellan, the (Turkish) wife of the Head of the BBC Turkish Service, will interpret for the rest of the President's visit but she does not have any formal interpretation training. We therefore suggest that for the meeting with the Prime Minister the best solution may be to use the President's Chef de Cabinet, who interpreted when the Prime Minister called on the President in Ankara last month. We understand from the Turkish Embassy that Mr Tuygan would be willing to perform this function again and that the arrangements would be acceptable to the Turkish side. I should be grateful for confirmation that the arrangement would be acceptable to the Prime Minister also.

*Yours ever,*  
*L Parker*

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street





TURKEY: visits by pres Eren, Mar 88.



From; Lieutenant-Colonel George West, CVO



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

11th May, 1988

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*Dear Prime Minister,*

State Visit of  
The President of the Republic of Turkey  
Arrival - Tuesday, 12th July, 1988

I have the honour to inform you that The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will meet The President of the Republic of Turkey upon his Arrival at Victoria Station at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th July next.

The Queen wishes you, as Prime Minister, to be present on this occasion and to arrive at Victoria Station, Hudson's Place by not later than 12.10 p.m.

Day Dress and hat will be worn.

I shall be grateful if I may please be provided with the address from which you will start your journey to Victoria Station in order that a route and windscreen label may be provided to facilitate your arrival.

*Yours sincerely*  
*George West*

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, MP.,  
10 Downing Street,  
London,  
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO TURKEY

You are to visit Turkey from 6-8 April. The programme for your visit is attached immediately behind this note.

The purpose of the visit is to make an impact. Since 1979 we have been Turkey's best friend in Western Europe. But this has not been reflected in our standing in Turkey or our share of its market (particularly when it comes to major projects). We have a cheque to cash.

The impact will come from very extensive local television and press coverage of your visit, and from your two speeches. The programme is therefore heavily tilted towards public engagements. Official talks play only a fairly minor part: you have a two hour meeting with Ozal on the first morning, and short meetings with President Evren and the Opposition Leader (Mr. Inonue).

The two issues which will require the most careful public handling are Turkey's application for membership of the European Community and the third Bosphorus Bridge.

If Turkey were to join the EC in the foreseeable future, there would be massive costs for us, and it would considerably change the nature of the Community. The Turks are collecting helpful statements by individual member states, in the hope that they can later be shamed into active support for Turkey's application. So we have to be careful not to build up false expectations. Equally we don't want to be seen as the main obstacle to Turkey joining. We can recognise the extent to which Turkey is already involved in major European/Western institutions, and hope to see that involvement strengthened. But we need to stop short of promising support or talking as though Turkish membership of the EC is inevitable. You are likely to come under heavy pressure from the Turkish media on this point. You should make clear that you would like to see



more attention paid to the tremendous support which we have given Turkey over the past ten years, not just to our future attitude.

The problem with Bosphorus III is rather different. We want it very much, but must not be too obvious about it, otherwise the media will judge the success or failure of the visit solely by whether we get the bridge, and the Turkish Government will try to squeeze us on the terms. (Anyway it is quite likely that there won't be any decision on Bosphorus III this year.) You will want to play it down, making it clear that we are interested in several major projects - the Istanbul Expressway, the Omerli III Water Supply Project, some defence sales - not just Bosphorus III. We have offered substantial aid and credit in support of our bids: now it is a matter for commercial negotiations. There is absolutely no linkage between our interest in the bridge and our attitude to Turkey's EC application.

Your meeting with Mr. Ozal will cover three main areas: bilateral relations, general international issues and regional problems. Briefs on all three are attached.

#### Bilateral

You will want to start by saying how pleased you are to be paying this visit. Taken with his successful visit to the United Kingdom, and your meeting in Berlin last year, as well as President Evren's State Visit in July, it reflects a new impetus in relations between Britain and Turkey which you very much welcome and want to see develop further. Over the past few years, you have ensured that Britain has taken a lead in supporting Turkey within NATO and the EC, the Council of Europe and other institutions. You admire Mr. Ozal's policies and their success. You want to see this drawing together in political terms will also be reflected in other aspects of our relations, including trade.



I would go straight on from this - even though it is out of order - to deal with Turkey's EC application. You might say that you recognise the great importance which Turkey attaches to membership of the EC. In your public statements you will be expressing understanding for this aspiration and stressing the great importance we attach to our relations with Turkey. Equally he will know that the matter is now in the hands of the Commission who have to produce an opinion, which may take some time. He will also know that there are very real difficulties, particularly the present disparity between the Turkish economy and the economies of EC member states. You want to be perfectly straight about this, and not raise false hopes and expectations. You are not in a position to give a firm declaration of intent. We must wait for the Commission's opinion. And it is well to remember that these matters can take a very long time, as we found out ourselves and as did the Spaniards and Portuguese. In the meantime, the best thing is to get on with the task of improving the links between Turkey and the Community. This will have our full support.

You might then go on to ask him to tell you about the performance of the Turkish economy. There is some concern in financial circles in the UK about the short-term prospects. Are further corrective measures likely to be necessary? How does he assess the wider prospects for the world economy?

Turning to our bilateral trade relations, you can welcome the increase in trade and the number of British companies involved in joint ventures in Turkey. You will want to touch on problems over textiles. There are two ways of dealing with this: voluntary restraint by Turkish exporters in areas of particular sensitivity (acrylic yarn) or improved access for our producers to the Turkish market. Both may be necessary, but the latter is preferable. The only other bilateral problem is the failure of PEKTIM (the State-owned petrochemical company) to pay its debts. This affects the view of our credit agencies on Turkey's credit worthiness.



You might go on to say that there are many fields in which British firms are interested and well-qualified to help. On the civil side there is the Istanbul Expressway, the Omerli III Water Supply Project, and of course the third Bosphorus Bridge. We are backing our bids for these projects with ATP grants and ECGD credit cover. On the defence side, we were very disappointed about Warrior, but hope to see Racal's bid for anti-aircraft fire control radars, BAe's bid for Rapier, and Marconi or Plessey's bid for radios succeed. (You should be very cautious about Tornado if he raises it: the credit implications are horrendous.) You will want to say that the announcement of the award of a major contract to a British firm would enormously increase the positive impact of your visit on opinion in Britain.

#### Multilateral and Regional Issues

Apart from the main EC point, there are a number of other multilateral and regional issues which you ought to discuss. The main ones are:

- Turkey/Greece. You admire his boldness in deciding to meet Papandreou. You would be interested to hear what progress he expects when they meet again in Athens in June.
  
- Cyprus. There will be a lot of press and media interest in your discussions on Cyprus. There is a rare opportunity to make progress towards a settlement, in the light of Ozal's own meetings with Papandreou and the election of Vassiliou. You will want to give your assessment of Vassiliou and an account of your meeting with him, and convey any particular points which Vassiliou has asked you to make. The first priority must be for Vassiliou to meet Denktash: it is the two communities in Cyprus who have to get on. You hope he will encourage Denktash to be constructive about such a meeting and not insist on being treated as a head of government. Perhaps later and after a Vassiliou/Denktash meeting, Ozal might himself consider meeting Vassiliou. You hope he will also consider whether there are gestures which



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Turkey can make to stimulate progress - for example by a unilateral reduction in the number of Turkish troops in Cyprus or measures to restrict the numbers of Turkish settlers. It would be a considerable coup if you could announce some positive step forward on Cyprus as a result of your visit.

- Arab/Israel. You will want to discuss the prospects for the Shultz initiative. Ozal is flattered by reference to his own role in the Middle East.

- Iran/Iraq. Ozal will have been in Iraq just before your visit.

- East/West relations. He will look to you to lead on this.

You may like to have the briefs with you over the Easter weekend.

CDP

30 March, 1988.

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*From the Private Secretary*

22 March 1988

TURKISH STATE VISIT

BIF //

Thank you for your letter of 21 March about the visit of President Evren. I am sure that the Prime Minister would be happy to have a talk with him before the lunch and we have put this in the diary. But could you please try to prevent the whole suite from arriving until 1245.

Charles Powell

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Can we  
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21 March 1988

Yes I  
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Dear Charles,

Turkish State Visit

The Prime Minister will be heavily involved in the State Visit of President Evren of Turkey which is taking place from 12 to 15 July. In particular we understand that the Lord Chamberlain will be asking her to give a lunch in the President's honour at 1 pm on Wednesday, 15 July.

Presumably  
13 July

The Turks have told us that President Evren is anxious to have a full meeting with the Prime Minister during his visit. The obvious occasion would be before the lunch, when there is a gap in the President's programme.

The Prime Minister will be meeting President Evren during her visit to Turkey next month. The Foreign Secretary considers that this strengthens the case for agreeing to the President's request. The meeting could be quite short but, since interpretation would be necessary, it would perhaps be wise to allow 45 minutes for it. This would mean starting it at 12.15. I should be grateful to know whether this would be acceptable to the Prime Minister.

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