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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER
FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: ON BEHALF OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND MYSELF, I OFFER WARM CON-
GRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES AS YOU AGAIN TAKE UP THE DUTIES
OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO FURTHER THE COOPERA-
TION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED US-TURKISH RELATIONS FOR NEARLY
THREE DECADES. OUR GOVERNMENTS SHARE A BASIC MUTUAL TRUST
AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO SURMOUNT PROBLEMS
CURRENTLY AFFECTING US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TO WORK TOWARD
CONSTRUCTIVE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE BROADER ISSUES WHICH



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AFFECT THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND OF THE WORLD.

REGARDING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE ITS INTENSIVE EFFORTS WITH CONGRESS TO RESUME

MILITARY SALES AND ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, AN ALLY WHICH, BECAUSE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMON DEFENSE OVER THE YEARS, IS WIDELY RESPECTED AND ADMIRERD IN THE UNITED STATES. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I AM MOST
PLEASED, AS YOU MUST BE, BY THE VOIE OCTOBER 2 IN THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LIFT THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. AS
YOU KNOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED
THIS LEGISLATION, NOT BECAUSE WE AGREE WITH EACH OF ITS PRO-
VISIONS, BUT BECAUSE PASSAGE OF S.2230 SEEMED TO US A VITAL
FIRST STEP IN REBUILDING THE TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS
SO LONG CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES.

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3. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON THIS PAST WEEK, AND HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN EXPLAINING TO THE CONGRESS THE UNFORTUNATE EFFECTS THE EMBARGO HAS HAD. I HAVE NOW ASKED HIM TO RETURN TO ANKARA THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS

WITH YOU OUR CONSIDERATIONS ON HOW WE MAY PROCEED TOGETHER TO REVITALIZE OUR RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION FOR THIRTY YEARS, AND HOW TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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URGENT ACTION

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: Mr. Clift *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Presidential Messages to Prime Ministers
Caramanlis and Demirel

The Department of State has submitted for White House clearance Presidential messages (at Tab B) to Prime Ministers Caramanlis and Demirel following the recent Congressional approval of legislation partially lifting the arms embargo against Turkey.

Our revised texts -- cleared with Paul Theis' office -- are at Tab A for your review and approval. State (EUR) indicates that Secretary Kissinger has already approved their drafts, but this is not clearly shown on the State cables.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the revised Presidential messages at Tab A for State's immediate dispatch to Athens (Prime Minister Caramanlis) and Ankara (Prime Minister Demirel).

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(Antoinette) 5:10 p.m.
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*Approve State Texts
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BY *[Signature]*, NARA, DATE 3/9/04

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SUBJECT: Presidential Message to Greek Prime Minister

1. Please convey following message from the President to Prime Minister Caramanlis.
2. Begin Text: Dear Mr. Prime Minister: I was very pleased to meet with you in Helsinki at the time of the European Security Conference. I am grateful for the efforts you have made since then to keep us informed of your views on matters of mutual concern. Ambassador Kubisch has reported fully his recent conversation with you, and I want you to know I share completely your belief on the importance of acting now to resolve the Cyprus problem.

You and I have differed on the wisdom of the Congressional embargo on U. S. arms to Turkey, but we both have been striving to achieve the same goal, namely a just and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem. I am convinced that the United States will be in a better position to influence the Turkish government on Cyprus now that the embargo has been partially lifted. I can assure you that very soon we shall begin a major effort to try to break the current impasse in the negotiations.

In this endeavor, we will be guided by the principles that Secretary Kissinger enunciated, at my request, in his September 22 address to the U. N. General Assembly, including the principles that the present dividing lines cannot be permanent. Since the territorial arrangements on the

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island are a key issue in any settlement, we shall seek specifically to persuade the Turkish government to show understanding and flexibility on this question.

I hope the development of specific proposals on territory by Turkey will provide a basis for an early resumption of the intercommunal talks between Mr. Clerides and Mr. Denktash and that these talks, once resumed, can address all the outstanding issues in a systematic and productive manner. The negotiations will not be easy, but you can be sure that the United States is ready to assist the parties in every way possible to achieve progress. Let me also assure you that we are willing to do whatever we can to facilitate a resolution of the Greek-Turkish problems over the Aegean. I firmly believe these problems must be solved through peaceful means.

We also wish to meet, as quickly and sympathetically as possible, Greece's needs for economic and military assistance. It is in our common interest that our longstanding Alliance relationship be restored and strengthened. In this connection, let me emphasize the importance to both our governments, as well as to our mutual allies, of a resumption by Greece of a full role in NATO. At the same time, I hope your government will continue to show appreciation for the importance of U. S. military facilities, whose presence in Greece, I believe, serves the security interests of both countries and of the NATO Alliance as a whole.

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Finally, let me re-emphasize that the partial lifting of the embargo will enable the United States to play a positive role in trying to achieve a fair and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem. I hope the people of Greece will come to view this week's Congressional action in that light. Sincerely, Gerald R. Ford. END TEXT.

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SUBJECT: Presidential Message to Turkish Prime Minister

1. Please convey the following letter from the President to Prime Minister Demirel.

2. BEGIN TEXT: Dear Mr. Prime Minister: I am most pleased, as you must be, by the vote October 2 in the House of Representatives to lift the Turkish arms embargo. As you know, the Administration has strongly supported this legislation, not because we agree with each of its provisions, but because passage seemed to us a vital first step in rebuilding the trust and friendship which has so long characterized the relationship between our two countries.

I am confident this assessment is correct and that the opportunities now open to us both will be utilized to the fullest in the weeks ahead.

What is clearly needed now is early and visible movement toward a Cyprus settlement, and the re-activation of military facilities which are vital to both of our countries and to the Western Alliance structure. The United States Government will be prepared to work closely and cooperatively with the Government of Turkey on both these issues.

Ambassador Macomber has been in Washington this past week, and has been most helpful in explaining to the Congress the unfortunate effects the

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embargo has had. I have asked him to return to Ankara this weekend to talk to you at greater length about how we may proceed together to rebuild and revitalize our relationship which has meant so much to the peace and security of the region for thirty years. Sincerely, Gerald R. Ford. END TEXT.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO DEMIREL

REF: ANKARA 7669

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD SEEK A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS REGARDING CYPRUS AND US-TURKISH RELATIONS

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: NOW THAT YOUR ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAS HAD AN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, I HAVE ASKED HIM TO CONVEY TO YOU PERSONALLY MY VIEWS ON HOW WE MIGHT WORK TOGETHER DURING THIS COMING PERIOD TO REINVIGORATE THE



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ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

3. THE RECENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMONSTRATED, BY A SUBSTANTIAL MARGIN, THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND PEOPLE VALUE THE FRIENDSHIP OF TURKEY AND ITS PEOPLE. INDEED, MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WERE WILLING TO

REVERSE EARLIER POSITIONS TO WHICH THEY WERE STRONGLY ATTACHED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND REVITALIZE OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND PROMOTE PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

4. CONCERNING OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, I SHOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THE EARLY REACTIVATION OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS WHICH SERVE OUR MUTUAL INTEREST AND THAT OF OUR ALLIES. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH YOU OUR HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS WHILE NEW PROVISIONS OF A DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT ARE BEING NEGOTIATED. WE WILL FULLY COOPERATE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DEVISE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

5. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMON INTERESTS IS THE REMOVAL OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AS AN ELEMENT OF TENSION AND DIVISION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TALKS IN NEW YORK WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT CONDITIONS NOW EXIST FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THE SECURITY AND LOCAL AUTONOMY THEY HAVE SOUGHT AND WOULD REMOVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE AS A BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. WITH THE PROSPECTS FOR A LONG TERM SOLUTION BETTER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED AT AN EARLY DATE AT WHICH TIME THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE GEOGRAPHICAL DEFINITION OF THE TWO REGIONS, COULD BE SIMULTANEOUSLY CONSIDERED.



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6. I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING AMBASSADOR MACUMBER'S REPORT ON YOUR VIEW OF HOW THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED AND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE TOGETHER TO RESTORE THE ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS SERVED OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS SO WELL IN THE PAST AND WHICH I AM CONFIDENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE AREA IN THE FUTURE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. INGERBOLL



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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER
DEMIREL

PLEASE PREPARE THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL FOR CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS TO TAKE
WITH HIM WHEN HE CALLS ON DEMIREL.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I HAVE ASKED MY GOOD
FRIEND WAYNE HAYS TO GIVE YOU HIS FRANK ASSESSMENT OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS OUR EFFORTS TO REMOVE
REMAINING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SUPPLY OF UNITED STATES
MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TURKEY. AS YOU KNOW, WAYNE HAYS IS
A PROVEN FRIEND OF TURKEY AND OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN
RELATIONSHIP. WITHOUT HIS HELP, AND THAT OF LIKE-MINDED
CONGRESSMEN OF BOTH PARTIES, THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE OCTOBER 2 VOTE LIFTING MAJOR
ASPECTS OF THE ARMS EMBARGO.



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CONGRESSMAN HAYS AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE FACED WHEN THE CONGRESS VOTES ON LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING WHETHER AND AT WHAT LEVEL FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE SALES, CREDITS AND GRANT AID WILL BE AUTHORIZED FOR TURKEY. WAYNE HAYS' ASSESSMENT IS ENTIRELY

REALISTIC AND ACCORDS WITH MY OWN VIEWS. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED HIM TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU IN THE HOPE THAT DECISIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE THE CONGRESS TO REMOVE PROMPTLY THE REMAINING RESTRICTIONS ON US MILITARY SUPPLIES TO TURKEY.

YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON ME AND ON THIS ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR SECURITY AND MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. I AM CONFIDENT THAT BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE ABILITY AND THE WILL TO DO SO. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
END OF TEXT. KISSINGER



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 6, 1976

EXDISMEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Turkish Prime Minister's Letter to
the President

There is at Tab 1 a letter to the President from Turkish Prime Minister Demirel, in which the Prime Minister emphasizes the importance to US-Turkish relations of the recently concluded bilateral Defense Cooperation Agreement and warns of the "fatal consequences" for the bilateral relationship if the U.S. Congress should reject the Agreement.

There is at Tab 2 a draft reply from the President, in the form of a telegram to our Embassy in Ankara, emphasizing the importance the U.S. attaches to US-Turkish relations and reaffirming our intention to try to get the Agreement through Congress at an early date.

George S. Springsteen
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Letter to the President from Demirel
2. Draft Reply

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TURKISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 27, 1976

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Dear Mr Sisco,

Enclosed is the text of a message from the Prime Minister of Turkey to the President of the United States of America on the new Turkish-American defense cooperation agreement signed recently in Washington.

I would appreciate it if the message is brought to the President's attention.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Melih Esenbel
Ambassador of Turkey

The Honorable
Joseph J. Sisco
Undersecretary for
Political Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

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By hkh, NARA, Date 3/9/04

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Dear Mr. President,

I am confident you will share my view that the Agreement signed on March 26th, during the visit of Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Çaglayangil to Washington, constitutes a significant and positive step in our mutual efforts to reinvigorate our bilateral defence cooperation and restore friendship and trust which characterized the relationship between our two countries for the last three decades.

After I left the meeting which I had with you in Helsinki, I had declared to newsmen inter alia: " we will do everything not to spoil relations between Turkey and the United States." In all our endeavors in this direction we have constantly been guided by this thought.

No doubt, this Agreement constitutes a compromise between the respective views of the two governments. In conducting these negotiations my government has been mainly guided by the imperatives of higher interests which we believed to be common for the respective security of our two countries and for that of the Alliance to which we both belong, rather than by technicalities of lesser significance. I have no doubt that your government did the same. Therefore, the conclusion reached after intensive and hard negotiations constitutes a delicate balance based on mutual sacrifices between the respective positions of the two governments.

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Reports reaching us from Washington indicate that some tendencies exist within the Congress to oppose this Agreement. Although I am not in a position to judge how much these tendencies will be influential on the final outcome, I, however, deem it necessary to inform you about the consequences on Turkey, should the Congress choose to negate this Agreement.

As you know Turkey views its membership to the North Atlantic Alliance and its close cooperation with the United States in the field of bilateral defence as the main pillar of its foreign policy and vital requirement for its security. This has been our policy in the past and we believe that it is in our interest to continue in such a policy in the future. But I would like to point out to you in all frankness that it would be impossible for us to justify such a policy to our public opinion when we will be constantly offended by the actions of the United States Congress. Cooperation and friendship cannot be maintained when one of the parties constantly displays hostility. Mutuality, goodwill and trust are essential prerequisites for the maintenance of such a relationship and where they lack, no goodwill will be enough to maintain it.

It is certainly not up to me to point out to the United States Congress where its country's interests lie. But I can indulge myself in saying that if the occasion provided to us by the signing of the last Agreement is lost, nothing to be gained by such an action will be enough to compensate the loss which will thus be incurred. Because, as you will understand, another serious setback will

unavoidably have fatal consequences on our already damaged relationship which with mutual endeavors we have intensively worked to revitalize, despite adverse conditions created by the Congress. Historians will seriously question the logic of ruining the efforts of both governments to restore a relationship which is so strikingly in their mutual interest and of forcing Turkey to opt a course of action which it is unwilling to take and which is so openly against United States' interests as well as the interests of an alliance it committed itself to protect.

If this Agreement is to be turned down by the Congress, it is evident that all efforts which we have mutually made to reinvigorate our relationship will be wasted and it will be extremely difficult to explain to anybody why we concluded an agreement which had no chance of Congressional approval. The setback to be created by such an unfortunate development will bring about much more serious conditions than those prevailed prior to the conclusion of this Agreement and would leave little hope of success if none, for our subsequent efforts to reduce the damage to the minimum. I am sure none of us would wish to see conditions in which we all would have preferred this Agreement not concluded at all.

I thought I should put these views to you in all frankness at this stage which I believe is historically most critical, and

in doing so, I have been exclusively guided by my very sincere belief in the necessity of maintaining the friendship and cooperation between our two countries, which I know is equally and sincerely shared by you.

With warm regards.

Suleyman Demirel
Prime Minister
of the Republic of Turkey

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the
United States of America



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REF: ANKARA 3305

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL. IT IS IN REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER OF APRIL 25 {REFTEL}.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 25 IN WHICH YOU PERSUASIVELY CITED THE IMPORTANCE TO TURKISH, U.S. AND NATO SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND OF THE SETBACK YOU FORESEE FOR THOSE INTERESTS, AND PARTICULARLY FOR US-TURKISH TIES, SHOULD THE AGREEMENT FAIL TO OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

YOU AND I ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF US-TURKISH DEFENSE TIES TO THE SECURITY OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND TO THE SECURITY OF THE BROADER NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. IT IS BECAUSE I VALUE SO HIGHLY A RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS SERVED BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WELL FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES THAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS WORKED CEASELESSLY TO

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RECONSTITUTE AND STRENGTHEN OUR CLOSE TIES. AS I EXPLAINED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WHEN HE VISITED US LAST MONTH, I AM AS CONVINCED TODAY AS EVER THAT IT IS MANIFESTLY IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND OF THE WEST, THAT OUR BILATERAL TIES BE RESTORED. THAT IS THE SPIRIT WHICH ANIMATED THE U.S., AND QUITE CLEARLY YOUR SIDE AS WELL, IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SIGNING OF THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MARCH 26. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE RESTORATION OF OUR RELATIONS TO THEIR FORMER STATE.

I AM ASKING CONGRESS FOR ITS EXPEDITIOUS APPROVAL OF THE NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE DELETERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WE FORESEE FOR THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK OF NATO IF IT IS NOT APPROVED. I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP FULLY RESTORED. AS YOU KNOW, THE CONGRESS BELIEVES EQUALLY STRONGLY THAT EARLY MOVEMENT TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION IS IMPERATIVE. IT WILL BE THE TASK OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WHO VIEW THE MATTER IN THIS SAME PERSPECTIVE TO SEE TO IT THAT THESE BROADLY HELD SENTIMENTS DO NOT COME INTO CONFLICT AND THAT CONGRESS MOVES TO APPROVE THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

SINCE WE SHARE THESE SAME GOALS, I KNOW YOU WILL WISH TO JOIN US IN DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING OUR EFFORTS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
END TEXT.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

REF: ANKARA 3305

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL. IT IS IN REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER OF APRIL 25 (RETEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 25 IN WHICH YOU PERSUASIVELY CITED THE IMPORTANCE TO TURKISH, U.S. AND NATO SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND OF THE SETBACK YOU FORESEE FOR THOSE INTERESTS, AND PARTICULARLY FOR US-TURKISH TIES, SHOULD THE AGREEMENT FAIL TO OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

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YOU AND I ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF US-TURKISH DEFENSE TIES TO THE SECURITY OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND TO THE SECURITY OF THE BROADER NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. IT IS BECAUSE I VALUE SO HIGHLY A RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS SERVED BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WELL FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES THAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS WORKED CEASELESSLY TO

RECONSTITUTE AND STRENGTHEN OUR CLOSE TIES. AS I EXPLAINED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WHEN HE VISITED US LAST MONTH, I AM AS CONVINCED TODAY AS EVER THAT IT IS MANIFESTLY IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND OF THE WEST, THAT OUR BILATERAL TIES BE RESTORED. THAT IS THE SPIRIT WHICH ANIMATED THE U.S., AND QUITE CLEARLY YOUR SIDE AS WELL, IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SIGNING OF THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MARCH 26. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE RESTORATION OF OUR RELATIONS TO THEIR FORMER STATE.

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I AM ASKING CONGRESS FOR ITS EXPEDITIOUS APPROVAL OF THE NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE DELETERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WE FORESEE FOR THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK OF NATO IF IT IS NOT APPROVED. I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP FULLY RESTORED. AS YOU KNOW, THE CONGRESS BELIEVES EQUALLY STRONGLY THAT EARLY MOVEMENT TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION IS IMPERATIVE. IT WILL BE THE TASK OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WHO VIEW THE MATTER IN THIS SAME PERSPECTIVE TO SEE TO IT THAT THESE BROADLY HELD SENTIMENTS DO NOT COME INTO CONFLICT AND THAT CONGRESS MOVES TO APPROVE THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

SINCE WE SHARE THESE SAME GOALS, I KNOW YOU WILL WISH TO JOIN US IN DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING OUR EFFORTS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
END TEXT.

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