Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 30 November 1979 Prime Amisler Michael The message of congratulations from the Prime Minister to the Turkish Prime Minister was delivered earlier this week. You may have seen (Ankara telno 672) that Mr Demirel twice told the British Ambassador in Ankara that he was much impressed by its warmth. We have now received through the Turkish Ambassador in London Mr Demirel's reply to Mrs Thatcher, which is attached. (G G H Walden) M O' D B Alexander Esq 10 Downing Street LONDON

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The Turkish Ambassador presents his compliments
to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs and has the honour to request that
the enclosed message from Mr. Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister
of the Republic of Turkey, to The Rt.Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
M.P., Prime Minister, may be forwarded to its high destination.

The Turkish Ambassador avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs the assurance of his highest consideration.

London, 28th November, 1979.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Downing Street, SWIA 2AL Quesec 7 155/797

PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE SERIAL No. TUS5/79T

THE RT.HON. MRS. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P., PRIME MINISTER.

I HAVE RECEIVED WITH GREAT PLEASURE YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS SENT TO ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

ON THIS OCCASION, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SINCERE THANKS AS WELL AS MY BEST WISHES.

SULEYMAN DEMIREL
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC
OF TURKEY.