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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T.77B/81

ATATURK CENTENARY: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR RECENTLY ENQUIRED ON INSTRUCTIONS IF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD SEND A MESSAGE ON THE OPENING OF THE ATATURK CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS ON 19 MAY.

2. PLEASE TRANSMIT IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER. BEGINS: ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF KEMAL ATATURK, I SEND THE BEST WISHES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. THE WORK OF ATATURK AS A GREAT STATESMAN AND THE FOUNDER OF MODERN TURKEY IS WIDELY RECOGNISED IN BRITAIN. AS TURKEY'S FIRST PRESIDENT HE BECAME A CLOSE AND RESPECTED FRIEND OF BRITAIN. WE SALUTE HIS MEMORY AND WISH ALL FORTUNE TO TURKEY AND HER PEOPLE. ENDS.

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