Turkey HL

5 March 1982

Death of Mrs. Evren

Thank you for your letter of today's date. The Prime Minister agrees that the message which you enclosed should be sent on her behalf.

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Dear John.

Death of Mrs Evren

The Ambassador at Ankara has reported that Mrs Evren, wife of the Turkish Head of State, died on 3 March after a long illness.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has considered carefully who would be the most appropriate sender of a message of sympathy. The Queen does not normally send messages where (as in this case) the Head of State concerned is not known personally to her. Although the Prime Minister is not General Evren's counterpart, he believes that it would be right for a message of condolence to be sent by the Prime Minister to General Evren.

I enclose a draft telegram of instructions to the Ambassador at Ankara, containing a suggested text.

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