

TURKISH EMBASSY AND BBC - MEDIA

The Turkish Embassy approached me today about this evening's reception. They are planning for cameras - Turkish media with British connections - to be there to film first your arrival and reception; and second to film a more formal introduction to guests in an ante-room to the reception. I raised no objections.

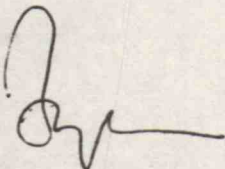
The Embassy also said that they hoped you would say a few well chosen words - literally one or two sentences - into a microphone for use on the Turkish media. Again I thought it politic not to raise any objections. You might say something to this effect:

"I am absolutely delighted to be here at this reception to mark the 400th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United Kingdom.

It is a great pleasure to meet your Minister of State and Ambassador and all those attending. I very much appreciate being invited."

So far as the BBC are concerned they have asked if there would be any objection to your arrival at the Television Centre being filmed for news purposes. I raised no objection, on the understanding that there would be no attempt to get an interview.

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