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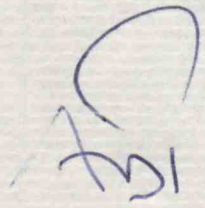
VISIT OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER

I have seen the FCO brief. I suggest that the Prime Minister might raise the following points.

Sympathy for the Turks over the Armenian terrorism question, particularly in the light of yesterday's attack on the Embassy in Lisbon. Mention that we have our problems too following the sentencing of the Armenian terrorist in London. Hope that the Turks will exchange any intelligence information with us.

Cyprus. Hope that the Turks will stop the Turkish Cypriots doing anything silly like opting for UDI. Hope that the intercommunal talks can get back on track quickly. Mention that we will be urging the Secretary General to involve himself more closely. We are not optimistic, but the intercommunal talks provide the only hope for progress, slender as it may be.

Iran/Iraq. Turkey is the only country which has succeeded in maintaining good relations with both sides. How do the Turks see the situation developing? What will be the result of the present Iranian offensive in Kurdistan? How do they regard the stability of the present Iranian regime? Any chance of a peaceful settlement to the war?


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