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*Her Hon.*

In your letter of 9 December to Peter Ricketts you confirmed that messages might be sent from the Prime Minister to the incoming and outgoing Prime Ministers of Turkey.

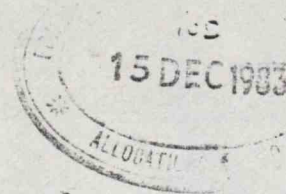
The Turkish Embassy have now forwarded the attached reply from the outgoing Prime Minister, Mr Bulend Ulusu.

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TURKISH EMBASSY  
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 His Excellency Mr. Bulend Ulusu to The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., may be forwarded to The Prime Minister.

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, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1983.



Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,  
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THE RT.HON. MARGARET THATCHER,M.P.,  
PRIME MINISTER

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I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR YOUR GRACIOUS MESSAGE  
OF DECEMBER 9 1983.

AS I AM ABOUT TO RELINQUISH MY RESPONSIBILITIES  
AS PRIME MINISTER I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS  
TO YOU MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING  
OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT DURING THE DIFFICULT PERIOD THAT  
TURKEY HAS GONE THROUGH.

NOW, HAVING ACHIEVED THE GOAL OF RESTORATION OF  
PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY, I AM CONFIDENT THAT  
CO-OPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO FURTHER DEVELOP BETWEEN THE  
NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, REFLECTING  
OUR TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH,WE BELIEVE, ARE STRONG  
ENOUGH TO ENDURE THE TESTS OF CURRENT QUESTIONS OF COMMON CONCERN.

WITH MY BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY YOURS,

BULEND ULUSU

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