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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH HALEFOGLU, 25 SEPTEMBER

SUMMARY

1. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WELL-TRODDEN PATH, BUT HALEFOGLU SLIGHTLY MORE FORTHCOMING IN TONE ABOUT CYPRUS.

DETAIL

2. HALEFOGLU BEGAN BY RECALLING THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO TURKEY. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE TURKS WERE NOW EXPECTING A VISIT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. TIMING WAS A MATTER FOR US BUT THEY THOUGHT A VISIT BY MRS THATCHER IN 1986 WOULD BE VERY WELCOME. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO GO TO TURKEY BUT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND A SUITABLE TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. HALEFOGLU WENT ON TO RECALL THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO TURKEY IN 1971. THE TURKS THOUGHT THAT A VISIT BY PRESIDENT EVREN TO BRITAIN WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THIS WOULD REFLECT OUR EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS. THERE WAS NOT A PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS HE WAS SIMPLY REMINDING US OF THE POSSIBILITY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE TOOK NOTE BUT SAID HE COULD, OF COURSE, MAKE NO COMMITMENT SINCE VISITS OF THIS KIND NEEDED TO BE PLANNED A VERY LONG TIME AHEAD.

4. HALEFOGLU THEN MOVED ON TO EC QUESTIONS. HE SAID THAT OZAL HAD SENT A TELEX TO THE PRIME MINISTER DIRECT TO NO. 10 ABOUT TURKISH PROBLEMS OVER QUOTA RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORT OF TURKISH TEXTILES INTO THE COMMUNITY. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION HAD REACHED A POINT OF VERY GREAT DIFFICULTY. THE TURKS WERE AWARE OF OUR OWN SENSITIVITIES ON THIS SCORE. BUT IF TURKEY WAS TO PAY FOR THE WESTERN PROJECTS AND CREDITS WHICH SHE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN SHE NEEDED TO EARN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE. HENCE TWO MESSAGES HAD BEEN SENT, ONE TO MRS THATCHER AND THE OTHER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL. THE MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL HAD ASKED HIM TO HELP PERSUADE PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO TAKE A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE. THE

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SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT BUT SINCE WE WERE NOT AWARE OF THE LATEST DETAILED POSITIONS HE COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT. WE WERE OF COURSE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING OUR TRADING OPPORTUNITIES WITH TURKEY, AND UK EXPORTS TO TURKEY HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.

5. HALEFOGLU WENT ON TO SAY THAT TURKEY'S NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY WERE NOT GOING WELL. TURKEY HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THE MAJOR COUNTRIES IN THE COMMUNITY BUT HAD MADE LITTLE HEADWAY WITH DENMARK AND GREECE. CRITICISM OF TURKEY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD CREATED DIFFICULTIES ALL THE TIME. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT WE HAD DONE ALL WE COULD TO HELP. HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER IN JULY. BUT THE MAIN THING WAS FOR THE TURKS THEMSELVES TO PUT THEIR OWN CASE TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS ENERGETICALLY AND CONVINCINGLY AS POSSIBLE. HALEFOGLU SAID THAT THE TURKS WERE TRYING BUT MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS REFUSED INVITATIONS TO GO TO TURKEY TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ENCOURAGED HIM TO KEEP UP THE PRESENT PROGRAMME OF LIFTING MARSHAL LAW AND REMINDED HIM OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY LONG SENTENCES IN THE PEACE ASSOCIATION TRIALS. HALEFOGLU SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS BUT THE TRIALS IN TURKEY WERE TAKING THEIR NORMAL COURSE AND SENTENCES HAD BEEN REDUCED.

6. HALEFOGLU COMPLAINED THAT THE GREEKS WERE STILL DOING EVERYTHING TO OBSTRUCT AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. THE LATEST EXAMPLE WAS OVER EUREKA WHERE THE ONLY COUNTRY TO REACT NEGATIVELY TO TURKISH PARTICIPATION WAS GREECE. HE HOPED TO ATTEND THE HANOVER MEETING WITH THE TURKISH MINISTER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR TURKEY TO TALK TO ITS FRIENDS ABOUT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. HALEFOGLU AGREED BUT SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT TAKE UP ITS VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP POST UNLESS IT COULD BE ASSURED THAT TURKEY'S REQUEST WOULD NOT BE REFUSED.

7. ON CYPRUS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HE HAD HAD SOME USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL WHOSE INITIATIVE WE SUPPORTED. SIR JOHN THOMSON SAID THAT WE THOUGHT AN AGREEMENT WAS FEASIBLE THOUGH WE DID NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES. WE NEEDED A PERIOD OF QUITE, WELL ORGANISED PRESSURE ON BOTH SIDES SIMULTANEOUSLY. WE ASSUMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS LIKELY TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION SOON. IF AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED QUICKLY THE PROSPECTS COULD BE A GOOD DEAL WORSE IN A YEAR'S TIME BECAUSE OF FURTHER ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE THEN BEEN TAKEN.

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8. HALEFOGLU SAID THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE. THE PROBLEMS COULD ONLY BE SOLVED BY THE TWO COMMUNITIES TALKING TO EACH OTHER. THE ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION WAS A BIZONAL FEDERAL STATE. HE CRITICISED THE SPEECH MADE YESTERDAY AT UNGA BY THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER.

9. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR STILL WHY BOTH SIDES FEARED AGREEMENT MORE THAN THEY FEARED THE PRESENT STALEMATE. WE NEEDED A CONCERTED EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN THE FEAR OF AN AGREEMENT. HALEFOGLU AGREED AND SAID THAT SO LONG AS THE EUREKA INSISTED ON THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH TROOPS AS A PRE-CONDITION, NO SOLUTION WOULD BE POSSIBLE. DENKTASH HAD ACCEPTED THE JANUARY DOCUMENT. HE HAD POINTED THE DIFFERENCES IN THE APRIL DOCUMENT. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD ACCEPTED THAT THE BALL WAS NOW IN HIS COURT TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE TO PUSH MATTERS FORWARD. SIR JOHN THOMSON SAID THAT DENKTASH SEEMED CONSISTENTLY TO UNDERESTIMATE THE CARDS IN HIS HAND. HE COULD AFFORD TO IGNORE SOME OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MOVES BY THE GREEK CYRPIOTS. DENKTASH ALREADY HAD EFFECTIVELY A BIZONAL FEDERAL STATE AND WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WAS AGREEMENT ON THE PARAMETERS WITHIN WHICH BOTH SIDES COULD ENTER NEGOTIATIONS. HALEFOGLU AGREED BUT SAID THAT THIS POINT COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE ADDRESSED TO THE GREEKS.

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