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MY TELNO 501: OZAL'S VISIT TO THE UK

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1. I WAS ASKED TO CALL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING TO RECEIVE FROM BELEN (DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR WESTERN EUROPE) MR

OZAL'S FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO HIM TO VISIT THE UK. HE HAS CHOSEN THE 18 FEBRUARY DATE. BELEN SAID THAT THE INVITATION HAD GIVEN GREAT PLEASURE TO THE PRIME MINISTER, A FACT WHICH WAS ALSO MENTIONED TO ME LAST NIGHT BY MR OZAL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

2. WE DISCUSSED PROVISONALLY THE OUTLINES OF A PROGRAMME. BELEN THOUGHT THAT MR OZAL WOULD DEFINITELY WANT A PROGRAMME COVERING 18 - 20 FEBRUARY. ARRIVAL MIGHT BE ON THE AFTERNOON OF 17 FEBRUARY WITH 18 FEBRUARY DEVOTED TO THE TALKS WITH MRS THATCHER AND MRS THATCHER'S DINNER. BELEN SAID THAT MR OZAL WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TALKS WITH YOU, THE DEFENCE SECRETARY AND THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER. THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER OTHER MINISTERS. MR OZAL WOULD ALSO LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MAJOR BUSINESS OCCASION. I SUGGESTED (PURELY PERSONALLY) THAT A SPEECH AT CHATHAM HOUSE MIGHT ALSO BE A VALUABLE ITEM ON THE PROGRAMME. IN DUE COURSE I WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AN OUTLINE PROGRAMME TO PUT TO THE TURKS.

3. IN VIEW OF MR OZAL'S COMMENTS RECORDED IN MY TUR, BELEN SUGGESTED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ANKARA AND LONDON LATER THIS WEEK. WE AGREED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE LINES OF: ''MRS THATCHER HAS INVITED THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN FEBRUARY 1986. MC OZAL HAS ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.'' GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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