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YOUR TEL NO 017: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY

1. THE TURKISH SIDE HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS,
AT THIS STAGE ON AN UNOFFICIAL BASIS, FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S
PROGRAMME ON 6-8 APRIL. SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS, THE
TURKS WILL PUT TO US AN OFFICIAL PROPOSAL
AUTHORISED BY THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER.

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL

SERIAL A	2200 LOCAL TIME,	ARRIVE ANKARA
B	2300	ARRIVE EMBASSY OR CANKAYA VILLA

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL

C	0915	WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT ATATURK MAUSOLEUM
D	0935	ATATURK MUSEUM

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E	0955	MEETING WITH TURKISH PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWED BY PLENARY
F	1300	LUNCH AT EMBASSY
G	1500	CALL BY OPPOSITION LEADER
H	1550	LAY FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW TURCO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION BUILDING
I	1630	SECOND MEETING WITH TURKISH PRIME MINISTER
J	1815	BRITISH PRESS FOLLOWED BY TELEVISION INTERVIEW
K	1915	MEET BRITISH COMMUNITY
L	2030	TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AND MRS OZAL'S DINNER (SPEECH)

FRIDAY 8 APRIL

M	0930	CALL ON PRESIDENT
N	1020	LEAVE FOR AIRPORT
O	1050	PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT
P	1145	DEPART FOR ISTANBUL

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Q	1235	ARRIVE ISTANBUL
R	1310	ARRIVE SHERATON HOTEL
S	1315	MEETING WITH MAYOR OF ISTANBUL
T	1330	LUNCH GIVEN JOINTLY BY TURKISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OR BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TURKEY (SPEECH)
U	1515	DEPART SHERATON HOTEL
V	1530	SIGHT-SEEING AT TOPKAPI AND/ OR SANCTA SOPHIA
W	1700	ARRIVE AIRPORT
X	1730	DEPART ISTANBUL

2. MIFT CONTAINS THE EXPLANATION OF THIS PROPOSED PROGRAMME.

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1. THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD LIKE THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEE THE PRINCIPAL TOURIST SITES IN OLD ISTANBUL. THESE ARE THE TOPKAPI PALACE (A HUGE COMPLEX, NOW A MUSEUM, HOUSING MAJOR COLLECTIONS ACCUMULATED BY THE SULTANS), THE EMPEROR CONSTANTINE'S GREAT CHURCH OF SANCTA SOPHIA, SUBSEQUENTLY A MOSQUE AND NOW A MUSEUM (BUT UNDERGOING INTERNAL REPAIR WORK), AYA IRENE (BETWEEN TOPKAPI AND AYA SOPHIA), THE BLUE MOSQUE OF SULTAN AHMET I (ALSO NOW UNDER REPAIR INSIDE) AND THE IBRAHIM PASA MUSEUM RECENTLY ESTABLISHED IN A RENOVATED PALACE AND CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF EARLY FIRMAN, CALIGRAPHY AND A GOOD ETHNOGRAPHICAL EXHIBITION.

2. IF THERE IS ONLY AN HOUR FOR TOURISM (AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THERE CAN BE MORE UNLESS DEPARTURE IS DELAYED), I RECOMMEND A VISIT TO TOPKAPI AND A BRIEF LOOK IN AT SANCTA SOPHIA

3. IF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS ACCEPTED, YOU WILL STILL NEED TO BE SELECTIVE AT TOPKAPI. A GENERAL TOUR OF THE COMPLEX, AND A GLANCE AT ONE OF THE COLLECTIONS MIGHT BE BEST IF WEATHER WAS GOOD (BUT IT WOULD INVOLVE A WALK OF A MILE PLUS). WITHOUT THE GENERAL TOUR, TWO COLLECTIONS WOULD BE FEASIBLE. AMONGST THE COLLECTIONS, THE CHOICE, IN MY ORDER OF PREFERENCE IS BETWEEN.

(A) THE HAREM - INTERESTING BUILDINGS, MAGNIFICENT 16TH CENTURY IZNIK TILES:

(B) CHINESE CERAMICS - IMPORTED BY THE SULTANS FROM VERY EARLY DATES TO 19TH CENTURY - ARGUABLY THE FINEST COLLECTION IN THE WORLD:

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- (C) THE LIBRARY OF AHMET III (EARLY 18TH CENTURY):
SMALL KIOSK, MOST BOOKS REMOVED TO THE
UNIVERSITY BUT GOOD IZNIK TILES AND GREAT CHARM.
- (D) TEXTILES AND EMBROIDERED KAFTANS FROM THE SULTANS
AND THEIR ENTOURAGES:
- (E) TREASURY - MAINLY JEWELLED GIFTS TO THE SULTAN:
SPECTACULAR: THE TURKS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN IT
BUT RICH RATHER THAN BEAUTIFUL=

4. NO SIGHT SEEING HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ANKARA PROGRAMME.
IF THE PRIME MINISTER WANTED TO SEE IT, A SHORT VISIT TO THE
MAGNIFICENT MUSEUM OF ANATOLIAN CIVILIZATION COULD BE FITTED IN
BEFORE SERIAL I IF SERIAL G SHIFTED TO EARLY ON 8 APRIL

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1. I DISCUSSED THE PROGRAMME WITH THE HEAD OF PROTOCOL MFA ON 25 JANUARY. YEGEN HAD TAKEN PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN THE LIGHT OF THE USUAL PATTERN FOR HEAD OF GOVERNMENT VISITS TO TURKEY. HE AGREED THAT A VISIT TO ISTANBUL, FOR WHICH FIVE HOURS WAS PROBABLY THE MINIMUM, WAS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

2. YEGEN THOUGHT THAT A SPEECH AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY, WHILST ACCEPTING AN HONORARY DEGREE, MIGHT BE A WORTHWHILE OCCASION. BUT, APART FROM DIFFICULTY IN FITTING IT INTO THE PROGRAMME WHEN THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF AN ENGAGEMENT IN ISTANBUL BEFORE LUNCH, EXPERIENCE WITH PRESIDENT WEIZSACKER MADE HIM DOUBTFUL. PRESS AND TELEVISION WERE ALWAYS INTRUSIVE HERE. THE ANCIENT BUT RELATIVELY SMALL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ROOM IN WHICH THE CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED LENT ITSELF MORE TO PUSHING AND SHOVING BETWEEN A PRESS CORPS WHICH BLANKETED THE RECTOR AND HIS GUEST FROM THE AUDIENCE THAN TO DIGNIFIED CERMONIAL. (I AM AFRAID YEGEN'S FEARS ARE WELL JUSTIFIED. WHEN LORD CARRINGTON SPOKE IN THE SAME ROOM IN NOVEMBER THE PRESS WERE VERY INTRUSIVE. THEY WOULD BE MORE NUMEROUS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND TURKISH OFFICIALS SEEM ENTIRELY INCAPABLE OF CONTROLLING THEM.) THE ALTERNATIVE, WHICH WOULD MAKE FULL USE OF LUNCHTIME, WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT BE SPENT OVER A RELATIVELY PRIVATE MEAL WITH GOVERNOR, MAYOR ETC. AT THE TOPKAPI PALACE, WOULD BE TO MEET THE LEADERS OF TURKISH BUSINESS, WHO ARE ISTANBUL BASED, AND MAKE A SPEECH WITH AN ECONOMIC FLAVOUR HAVING MADE A SPEECH WITH A POLITICAL FLAVOUR IN ANKARA THE PREVIOUS EVENING (SEE BELOW). I RECOMMEND IN FAVOUR OF THIS, AND THAT THE HONORARY DEGREE IDEA BE DROPPED UNLESS THE PRIME MINISTER IS PARTICULARLY KEEN TO ACCEPT ONE.

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3. THE PRESIDENT HAS OFFERED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PRIME MINISTER A VILLA IN THE GROUND OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. IT CONTAINS TWO MASTER BEDROOMS AND EIGHT OTHER ROOMS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF HER PARTY IN ADDITION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. YEGEN SAID THAT THIS WAS, HOWEVER, MERELY AN OFFER AND IT WAS UP TO THE BRITISH SIDE TO DECIDE WHETHER THAT OR THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE WAS MORE CONVENIENT. THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD IN NO WAY BE PUT OUT IF THE PRIME MINISTER OPTED FOR THE RESIDENCE: THEY KNEW THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE CONVENIENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS ETC.

4. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMMENTARY ON THE SERIALS IN MIPT.

6 APRIL

SERIAL A

THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AND MRS OZAL WILL PROBABLY WISH THEMSELVES TO GO TO THE AIRPORT. IN ANY CASE, THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ABLE TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 2200 LOCAL.

SIMPLE GREETING CEREMONY, WITHOUT GUARD OF HONOUR. SHORT STATEMENT FOR PRESS AND TV (OZAL ALSO LIKELY TO SPEAK IF AT AIRPORT).

SERIAL B

IF THE BRITISH PARTY STAYS AT CANKAYA, OZAL WOULD ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER THERE. IF THEY STAY AT THE EMBASSY, HE WOULD TAKE LEAVE AT THE AIRPORT AND TRAVEL BACK SEPARATELY. (THIS IS TURKISH PROTOCOL CUSTOMS AND IMPLIES NO UMBRAGE OVER THE DECISION ON ACCOMMODATION).

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SERIALS C AND D

ESSENTIAL PROTOCOL PARTS OF THE VISIT.

SERIAL E

TETE-A-TETE OF INDETERMINATE LENGTH (PRIME MINISTERS PLUS TWO PER SIDE, THE TURKS NORMALLY EXPECTING THE VISITOR'S AMBASSADOR AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO ATTEND).

DELEGATIONS MAY MEANWHILE START ON AN OFFICIAL AGENDA, OR NOT, DEPENDING ON COMPOSITION OF THE VISITING PARTY. TURKISH MINISTERS UNLIKELY TO ATTEND IF NO BRITISH MINISTERS ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER.

SERIAL F

LUNCH IS 'FREE'. THE OZALS INTEND TO OFFER A FORMAL DINNER. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE VISITORS TO OFFER HOSPITALITY FIRST. SO NO 'RETURN HOSPITALITY' WILL BE FEASIBLE. AND TURKISH GUESTS SHOULD NOT BE INVITED TO LUNCH.

I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND PARTY LUNCH AT THE EMBASSY WITH A MAXIMUM OF TEN LEADING MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY IN TURKEY.

SERIAL G

THE TURKS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION BUT IT WOULD BE OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME AND ARRANGED BY US. IT MIGHT FIT EITHER HERE, OR AS THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT ON 8 APRIL, IF THE PRIME MINISTER WANTS IT AT ALL. THE CALLER WOULD BE PROFESSOR INONU, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADER: SON OF TURKEY'S SECOND PRESIDENT.

SERIAL I

THE TURKS WANT PROVISION FOR A SECOND SESSION OF TALKS, THINKING IT UNLIKELY THAT THE WHOLE AGENDA CAN BE COVERED DURING THE MORNING.

SERIAL J

MY SUGGESTIONS, RATHER THAN THE TURKISH SIDE'S. YOU MAY, OR MAY NOT, WANT PROVISION FOR A MEETING WITH THE BRITISH PRESS ON 7 APRIL. BUT I RECOMMEND IN ANY CASE A SHORT INTERVIEW WITH TURKISH TELE-

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VISION, FOR BROADCAST ON THE MAIN 2200 NEWS.

SERIAL K MY SUGGESTION. INCLUDED IN CASE THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES BRIEFLY TO MEET A CROSS-SECTION OF BRITISH COMMUNITY AND EMBASSY STAFF IN ADDITION TO PROVISION UNDER SERIAL F. IF SO, COULD BE AT 1915 OR BEFORE LUNCH.

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SERIAL L DINNER FOR ABOUT 90 GUESTS. BLACK TIE. SPEECHES OF 7-8 MINUTES. SHORT FOLK DANCING DISPLAY THEREAFTER.

8 APRIL

SERIAL M 0930 IS APPARENTLY THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR THIS CALL. PRINCIPALS PLUS TWO PER SIDE (THE TURKS WOULD EXPECT THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY HER PRIVATE SECRETARY AND MYSELF).

SERIAL O TURKISH SIDE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER OZAL WOULD WISH THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE A JOINT ONE.

SERIAL S GIVEN THE ROLE OF ISTANBUL MUNICIPALITY ON CONTRACTS, PARTICULARLY OVER BOSPHORUS BRIDGE III, A SHORT MEETING WITH THE MAYOR IS DESIRABLE, IF ONLY AS A GESTURE TO HIM. FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE LUNCH IN PRIME MINISTER'S SUITE SHOULD SUFFICE.

SERIAL T A LARGE GATHERING OF LEADERS OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, MOST OF WHOM ARE ISTANBUL BASED. I RECOMMEND CO-SPONSORSHIP BY THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TURKEY, WHICH IS IN ITS CENTENARY YEAR (ALTHOUGH NOT A MAJOR ORGANISATION, THE GESTURE TO THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY WILL BE APPRECIATED).

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SERIAL V

THIS ALLOWS ONLY AN HOUR FOR SIGHT SEEING: BARELY ENOUGH FOR A GLANCE AT THE SULTAN'S OLD PALACE AT TOPKAPI AND PERHAPS AYA SOPHIA. BUT GOOD PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES. WOULD THIS SUFFICE: DOES THE PRIME MINISTER HAVE OTHER PREFERENCES? IF TOPKAPI, WHAT PART OF THIS HUGE COMPLEX? (RECOMMENDATIONS IN MIFT)

SERIALS W AND X ONLY VERY SHORT PRESS STATEMENT. TURKISH SIDE ADAMANT THAT DEPARTURE BEFORE 1700 WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE. THEY WOULD PREFER 1800, FOR MORE SIGHT SEEING. I HAVE GIVEN THEM NO ENCOURAGEMENT AND POINTED OUT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MAY HAVE ENGAGEMENTS IN LONDON ON FRIDAY EVENING.

4. CLOCKS ARE LIKELY TO BE PUT BACK ONE HOUR IN TURKEY ON 27 MARCH (BUT NOT CERTAIN YET EXCLAM). TIME DIFFERENCE AND THEREFORE LONDON DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL TIMES MAY BE AFFECTED.

5. INFORMATION ON WREATHS, GIFTS, TRANSPORT, ETC FOLLOWS BY LETTER.

GRATEFUL FOR EARLY INSTRUCTIONS/ COMMENT ON PROPOSED PROGRAMME: ALSO DETAILS OF THE LIKELY COMPOSITION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY AT SENIOR LEVEL, WHETHER MR THATCHER WILL BE ACCOMPANYING AND A DECISION ON ACCOMMODATION. SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER, MR THATCHER PLUS FOUR CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE RESIDENCE AND THE PRIVATE OFFICE SITED THERE, I RECOMMEND THAT I BE INSTRUCTED POLITELY TO DECLINE THE TURKISH OFFER OF A VILLA. THE VILLA IS ONLY A HALF MILE AWAY WITHIN THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE SECURITY ZONE BUT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE IS ALONGSIDE THE CHANCERY AND COMMUNICATIONS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD DEAL MORE SECURE AND CONVENIENT.

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