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From the Private Secretary

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Thank you for your letter of 1 February to Bernard Ingham concerning your company's activities in Turkey and the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to that country.

I understand that the Projects and Export Policy Division of the Department of Trade and Industry are aware of your interest in the Omerli water supply and treatment scheme and that they are discussing with Water Projects International ways in which they might assist in taking your proposals forward. Indeed, I understand Mr. Clive Palmer of this Division met with Paterson Candy International on 9 February to discuss the latest state of play.

Together with other Departments, we are considering the objectives for the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Turkey. Development of our commercial relations with Turkey will certainly be a priority. It is not easy to forecast how the discussions will develop and whether specific projects will be raised. However, this is obviously a significant project and I would recommend you keep the Department of Trade and Industry informed of developments in order that the Prime Minister can be properly briefed for her visit.

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