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From the Private Secretary

17 March 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY:
PROGRAMME**

Thank you for your letter of 17 March enclosing revised proposals for the Prime Minister's programme in Turkey. I am content with these, subject to the possible inclusion of the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Scutari, about which I wrote to you yesterday. I should be grateful if the DTI would draft a short speech for the ground-breaking ceremony at the Ankara Natural Gas distribution project.

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Dear Charles,

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You will have seen from Ankara telnos 142 and 143 (copies enclosed) that Mr Ozal has proposed some late amendments to the programme which we agreed with you recently.

We and the DTI support the proposed inclusion of the ground-breaking ceremony for the Ankara Natural Gas distribution project. The PR advantages for HMG, British industry in general, and AMEC in particular are obvious. It would mean a third, although very brief, speech. The DTI are ready to provide a suitable text. The revised arrangements for lunch in Ankara appear acceptable. We are pursuing separately the question of a gift for the Mayor of Ankara, in the event that the Prime Minister accepts the revisions to her programme.

We see no problems over cancelling the interview with Turkish Television, originally proposed for the early evening of 7 April. The station will have broadcast shortly before the Prime Minister's visit the interview she is to record for them next week. Moreover, as Timothy Daunt says, there will be mass television coverage of the visit in Turkey anyway.

The revised arrangements proposed for Istanbul do not affect the substance of the programme, but we are looking into the logistics separately.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)
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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY: PROGRAMME

1. REVISED TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR THE PROGRAMME ARE:

6 APRIL

2200 ARRIVE ANKARA AIRPORT

MET BY TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AND MRS OZAL

2220 DEPART AIRPORT

2250 ARRIVE EMBASSY RESIDENCE

7 APRIL

0900 DEPART RESIDENCE

0915 ATATURK MAUSOLEUM

0945 DEPART MAUSOLEUM

0955 ARRIVE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

1000 OFFICIAL TALKS (ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADORS AND PRIVATE SECRETARIES ONLY)

1200 LEAVE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

1215 VISIT CANKAYA PRIMARY SCHOOL

1245 LEAVE FOR GUVERCINLIK

1305 GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR ANKARA NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION

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1340 LEAVE FOR DENETEVLER (MAYOR'S GUEST HOUSE)
1350 LUNCH WITH MAYOR OF ANKARA
1440 DEPART DENETEVLER
1500 ARRIVE ASELSAN
1545 DEPART ASELSAN
1625 ARRIVE CANKAYA
1630 CALL ON PRESIDENT EVREN
1715 DEPART CANKAYA
1800 (UNOFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT) CALL BY OPPOSITION LEADER
1900 MEET BRITISH COMMUNITY
2015 DEPART RESIDENCE
2030 PRIME MINISTER AND MRS OZAL'S DINNER

8 APRIL

0900 LEAVE RESIDENCE
0930 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT ANKARA AIRPORT
1025 DEPART ANKARA FOR ISTANBUL
1125 ARRIVE ISTANBUL AIRPORT
MET BY GOVERNOR, MAYOR, MILITARY COMMANDER AND POLICE CHIEF
1130 DEPART ISTANBUL AIRPORT
1150 ARRIVE MUNICIPALITY

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YOUR TEL NO 73: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY: PROGRAMME

1. THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTS THE REVISED PROPOSALS IN MY TELEGRAM NO 113 BUT CONSIDERS TIMINGS TOO TIGHT. MEANWHILE HE HIMSELF HAS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROGRAMME. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE AMEC DOLLARS 130 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF CONVERTING ANKARA TO NATURAL GAS, THE TURKS WANT THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE PRESENT, TOGETHER WITH OZAL, AT THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY. THIS WILL BE AT A SITE NEAR ANKARA AND NEAR THE ASELSAN FACTORY.
2. THE AMEC CONTRACT, WHICH IS ATP SUPPORTED, IS AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT FOR BRITISH INDUSTRY. IT SEEMS IDEAL, IF LATE, FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME. THE SITE IS NOT ATTRACTIVE BUT THE TURKS SAY IT WILL BE SMARTENED UP AND A TENT ERECTED. THE PROCEEDINGS WOULD LAST THIRTY MINUTES, INVOLVING SHORT SPEECHES BY THE MAYOR OF ANKARA, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER, WITH MANY OF THE CABINET PRESENT. THE TURKS SUGGEST THAT A FIVE MINUTE SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER WELCOMING THIS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT BY A BRITISH COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IN AN ENTERPRISE WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY TRANSFORM THE WINTER ENVIRONMENT OF THE TURKISH CAPITAL WOULD BE SUITABLE.
3. THE MAYOR OF ISTANBUL WANTS TO GIVE HIS LUNCH ON 8 APRIL AT THE SHALE KIOSK, PART OF THE YILDIZ OTTOMAN PALACE. IT IS VERY GRAND AND WOULD BE A MUCH MORE GLITTERING AFFAIR THAN THE AMERICANISED SHERATON HOTEL. A ROOM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S USE AND TWO ROOMS FOR PRIVATE OFFICE AND COMMUNICATIONS, COMPLETE WITH AT LEAST TWO TELEPHONE LINES, ARE PROMISED. FROM THE SECURITY POINT OF VIEW, IT SHOULD BE BETTER - AN ENCLOSED AREA NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THE TIME, RATHER THAN A MAJOR HOTEL.
4. I RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED TURKISH PROPOSALS, WHICH WILL INVOLVE CANCELLING MY PRIVATE LUNCHEON FOR THE PRIME MINISTER (A PITY BUT DISPENSIBLE) AND THE TRT TELEVISION INTERVIEW ON 7 APRIL (ALSO DISPENSIBLE SINCE THERE WILL BE MASS TELEVISION COVERAGE AND, IN EFFECT, INTERVIEWS ON ARRIVAL LATE 6 APRIL AND AT

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THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE ON 8 APRIL). MIFT CONTAINS THE REVISED PROGRAMME PROPOSED BY THE TURKISH SIDE. I AM TO CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL 171300Z. AT LEAST INITIAL REACTIONS BY THAT TIME WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

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1220 DEPART ISTANBUL MUNICIPALITY
1240 ARRIVE SHALE KIOSK
1300 MAYOR OF ISTANBUL'S LUNCH
1445 DEPART SHALE KIOSK
1500 VISIT TOPKAPI PALACE AND AYA SOFIA
1600 VISIT YENIKAPI WATER TREATMENT PLANT
1630 DEPART YENIKAPI
1640 VISIT OTOKAR LAND ROVER ASSEMBLY PLANT
1700 DEPART OTOKAR
1715 ARRIVE ISTANBUL AIRPORT
SEEN OFF BY GOVERNOR, MAYOR, MILITARY COMMANDER AND
POLICE CHIEF
1730 DEPART ISTANBUL

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