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From the Private Secretary

29 March 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY: SPEECHES: EC/TURKEY

Thank you for your letter of 28 March proposing amendments to the Prime Minister's speeches in Ankara and Istanbul.

I have amended the Ankara speech on page 28 as you suggest. But I have also added a phrase to the end of the paragraph which reads "a partnership that we wish to sustain and indeed strengthen".

I have taken both your proposed amendments to the Istanbul speech.

I should be grateful if the texts as amended could now be despatched to Ankara for translation.

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Turkey: Speeches: EC/Turkey

Thank you for the amended versions of the Prime Minister's speeches in Ankara and Istanbul enclosed with your letters of 27 March. The Foreign Secretary still feels that the passages on EC/Turkey do not strike quite the right note. He remains most anxious that we should avoid giving anything which could be taken as a false signal to the Turks that we see an inevitable progression towards membership. He would therefore prefer to make the amendments set out below.

Ankara Speech

Page 28: amend the second sentence to read: "But I can assure you that, in any event, Britain will continue to give full weight ...".

Istanbul Speech

Page 28: delete the first three words of this page ("and participation in").

Page 30: amend to read: "... working closely with each other through the Association Agreement, the better. And I can assure you that Britain will continue to give full weight...".

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