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TO DESKBY 191400Z ANKARA
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OF 191300Z APRIL 88
AND TO DESKBY 191400Z ISTANBUL

YOUR OTTERS 75 AND 76: THIRD BOSPHORUS BRIDGE

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO SEND A HOLDING REPLY TO THE MAYOR OF ISTANBUL. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ORALLY TO MR DALAN. THE TEXT OF THE ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG TO THE CONSUL-GENERAL, ISTANBUL.

QUOTE: I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR HELPING TO MAKE MY VISIT TO ISTANBUL SO MEMORABLE. I VERY MUCH ADMIRE THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS YOU ARE MAKING TO DEVELOP YOUR CITY.

SINCE MY RETURN WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING CAREFULLY YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO ME ABOUT THE FINANCING OF THE THIRD BOSPHORUS BRIDGE AND THE ISTANBUL URBAN EXPRESSWAY. BRITISH COMPANIES REMAIN EXTREMELY KEEN TO HELP YOU UNDERTAKE THESE IMPORTANT PROJECTS. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR SUGGESTIONS CONTAIN INTERESTING BUT DIFFICULT FEATURES FOR US AND IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO CONCERT A RESPONSE. I SHALL ASK OUR AMBASSADOR TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNQUOTE.
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