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THE PRIME MINISTER

5 May 1988

Dear Mr. Arbuthnott:

The Secretary of State for Wales passed on to me your letter of 5 April prior to my visit to Turkey. I had a full discussion on defence sales prospects with the Turkish Prime Minister, and particularly mentioned your interest in supplying sights for the new Turkish armoured fighting vehicles. The point is firmly registered with him.

Turkey is an increasingly important market for British defence equipment and, as you well know, if our companies are to succeed they have to participate in joint ventures that help to strengthen the Turkish industrial base. I was very pleased to see from my visit to the Aselsan factory that Pilkington have contributed much to this process.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Stalder

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