Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 11 May 1988 COB 11/5 Dear Charles, Death of Turkish Prime Minister's Mother Ankara telno 255 (copy enclosed) reports Mrs Ozal's death and suggests that the Prime Minister might send a personal message of sympathy to Mr Ozal. We believe this would be a good idea in view of the Prime Minister's recent contacts with Mr Ozal. I enclose a draft. Jours ever, (L Parker) Private Secretary C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street

DRAFT MESSAGE

Denis and I were distressed to learn of the death of your mother on 10 May, and send you and all your family our heartfelt condolences.

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DEATH OF TURKISH PRIME MINISTER'S MOTHER

1. OZAL'S MOTHER DIED IN ISTANBUL ON 10 MAY. SHE WAS IN HER EIGHTIES AND HAD HAD A STROKE LAST MONTH. BUT SHE HAD SEEMED TO BE RECOVERING.

2. A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY IS NOT ESSENTIAL. AN OFFICIAL ONE WOULD INDEED BE UNSUITABLE. BUT, IN THE AFTERMATH OF HER VISIT LAST MONTH AS OZAL'S GUEST, THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WANT TO SEND A PERSONAL ONE TO HIM QUOTE AND YOUR BROTHERS UNQUOTE.

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