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Dear Nigel,

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THREAT ASSESSMENT: STATE VISIT OF
THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY

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We spoke recently about the assessment of the threat to the President of Turkey during his forthcoming State Visit. I attach a copy of the assessment prepared by the Security Service, which you will see suggests that the threat to the President from Armenian and Kurdish groups on this occasion is low. The level of threat could change rapidly, however, in response to events in Turkey.

We are also making enquiries of MPSB and will let you know if any further information emerges from them.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Tony Galsworthy (FCO) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,
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Nigel Wicks, Esq., CBE.

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20 SUBJECT: THREAT ASSESSMENT: STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF

21 TURKEY

22 1. Further to your tel 228 of 8 June 1988.

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24 2. We have no intelligence of a specific threat from any

25 non-Irish Republican terrorist group to the President of Turkey

26 during his proposed state visit to the UK in July.

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28 3. The main threat to Turkish interests in the UK is likely

29 to arise from Armenian terrorists and Kurdish separatists.

30 Although there are supporters of Armenian terrorist groups

31 in the UK no Armenian group is known to have a current capability

32 to mount attacks here. In February this year 20 members of

33 the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) were sentenced to death in

34 Turkey for terrorist activity, giving rise to PKK demonstrations

35 in several European countries, none of which were violent.

36 There are PKK supporters in the UK, but the PKK is not known

37 to have a terrorist capability here. We therefore assess

38 the threat to the President of Turkey from Armenian and Kurdish

39 groups on this occasion as low. The level of threat could

40 change rapidly, however, in response to events in Turkey,

41 for example if the death sentences on PKK members were carried

42 out.

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38 **FOR THE ATTENTION OF:-**

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40 **COLIN WALTERS ESQ**

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