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THREAT ASSESSMENT: STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY

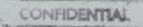
We spoke recently about the assessment of the threat to the President of Turkey during his forthcoming State Visit. I attach a copy of the assessment prepared by the Security Service, which you will see suggests that the threat to the President from Armenian and Kurdish groups on this occasion is low. 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 (FGO) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Ofice).

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Nigel Wicks, Esq., CBE.



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FOR THE ATTENTION OF CH SUPT E SQUAD FOR D I GRAHAM

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

- Further to your tel 228 of 8 June 1988.
- We have no intelligence of a specific threat from any 24 2. non-Irish Republican terrorist group to the President of Turkey during his proposed state visit to the UK in July.
- The main threat to Turkish interests in the UK is likely to arise from Armenian terrorists and Kurdish separatists. 28 Although there are supporters of Armenian terrorist groups in the UK no Armenian group is known to have a current capability to mount attacks here. In February this year 20 members of 30 the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) were sentenced to death in Turkey for terrorist activity, giving rise to PKK demonstrations in several European countries, none of which were violent. 32 There are PKK supporters in the UK, but the PKK is not known to have a terrorist capability here. We therefore assess 33 the threat to the President of Turkey from Armenian and Kurdish 34 groups on this occasion as low. The level of threat could change rapidly, however, in response to events in Turkey, for example if the death sentences on PKK members were carried out.

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