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Dear Charles,

Turkish State Visit: Demonstrations

As you may know there are likely to be demonstrations and pickets during next week's State Visit.

The Turkish Ambassador called on Sir Patrick Wright on 29 June to express concern about the demonstrations. Sir Patrick responded sympathetically but pointed out that freedom of expression is the democratic right of everyone living in this country and that no action could be taken provided those involved kept within the law. He assured the Ambassador that the police would take all appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the President and his party.

I attach a list of demonstrations which the Police expect to take place; this is bound to be provisional at this stage. We shall be kept informed of significant changes. The police have told us that they are well aware of Turkish sensitivities. They have stressed that they will do all they can to ensure that disturbance and disruption are kept to the minimum consistent with the freedom to demonstrate.

Roger Hervey has written in similar terms to Sir William Heseltine to keep the Palace informed.

I am copying this letter to Philip Mawer (Home Office).

Yours ever,
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TURKISH STATE VISIT: 12-15 JULY 1988: DEMONSTRATIONS

LONDON

Sunday 10 July

March by the National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain from Hyde Park via Grosvenor Place, Chapel Street, Upper Belgrave Road - dispersing at Grosvenor Gardens. Over 2,000 participants expected. This is an annual event to protest against Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus.

Tuesday 12 July

National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain intend to organise pickets along the route (exact locations not yet known). Protest against the President's visit.

The Committee to Stop President Evren's Visit intend to mount pickets at Victoria Station and outside Buckingham Palace. No more than 2-3000 participants expected at either venue.

The Cyprus/Turkish Association will demonstrate in support of the President's visit at Trafalgar Square. Police expect approximately 500 participants.

Groups from Turkish schools at various locations along The Mall will also demonstrate in support of the visit.

Wednesday 13 July

National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain will lobby Parliament. Approximately 100 expected to assemble at the St Stephen's entrance at 1430 hours. Protest against the State Visit.

A picket outside the Embassy throughout the State Visit will be mounted by the National Federation of Cypriots in Great Britain. They have stated their intention is to mount a 24-hour picket,

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though the police think that the picket will be from 1000 to 1800 hours only. They anticipate approximately 50 persons at any one time.

CAMBRIDGE

Leaflets have been distributed protesting against the State Visit. So far, however, the police have no information of planned demonstrations. Spontaneous demonstrations cannot be ruled out.