Prime Minister
The letter which the
Turkish Foreign Minister handed
you from Ozal deals
with Turkey's EC application.
Yilmaz may try to have
a word with you at lunch.
This telegram & the one below
are relevant. CDP 22/9.

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EC/TURKEY : MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SUMMARY
   1. THE DUTCH HAVE TOLD US THAT THE TURKS HAVE SEEN A COPY OF THE
COMMISSION'S DRAFT OPINION. THE TURKS ARE SHOCKED AT WHAT THEY
REGARD AS ITS TOTALLY NEGATIVE APPROACH AND ARE LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN
TO GET IT CHANGED.

DETAIL
   2. THE NETHERLANDS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE (A FORMER AMBASSADOR
TO ANKARA WHO IS SYMPATHETIC TO AND KEEPS IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH
THE TURKS HERE) TOLD ME ON 20 SEPTEMBER - PLEASE PROTECT - THAT A
COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S DRAFT OPINION ON THE TURKISH MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS WAS NOW IN TURKISH HANDS. THE TURKISH REACTION WAS ONE
OF DEEP SHOCK. THEY REGARDED IT AS TOTALLY NEGATIVE AND BOUND TO
CREATE AN UPROAR IN TURKEY WHEN IT BECAME PUBLIC, LEADING TO DEMANDS
FOR A FOREIGN POLICY REALIGNMENT.

   3. NIEMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TURKS WERE THEREFORE LAUNCHING
A HIGH PRESSURE CAMPAIGN TO GET THE OPINION CHANGED BEFORE IT WAS
FINALISED (SHADES OF KARAMANLIS IN 1976). MESSAGES WERE GOING OFF
FROM OZAL TO KOHL AND MITTERAND: AND YILMAZ, WHO IS IN TOKYO, WAS
TRYING TO GET A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER THERE. ALI
BOZER WAS BEING SENT OFF TO BRUSSELS TO REMONSTRATE WITH DELORS.

   4. NIEMAN (WHO ADMITTED THAT HIS VIEWS ON THIS POINT MIGHT WELL
NOT BE SHARED BY HIS GOVERNMENT) SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS CRUCIAL FOR
THE TURKS THAT THE FINAL OBJECTIVE OF MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE
MAINTAINED IN THE OPINION AS A PRACTICAL, ALBEIT LONG-TERM
POSSIBILITY. IT WAS THE ABSENCE OF THIS SIGNAL THAT WAS UPSETTING
THEM. THGY HAD LONG SINCE GIVEN UP HOPING FOR A RECOMMENDATION FOR
THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS.

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