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Subject contenter PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE 10 DOWNING STREET SERIAL NO. T.223. 8.9.... LONDON SWIA 2AA THE PRIME MINISTER 29 December 1989 1/ca The President. May I mention to you a matter which may no longer be a direct responsibility, but follows on naturally from the discussions which we had during my visit to Turkey about the possibility of closer co-operation between our two countries on technically advanced projects. As you will know, British Aerospace are leading a strong European consortium which has made a bid for Turksat. I understand that the bid meets the most exacting technical criteria at a highly competitive price. The British Aerospace Eurostar satellite is of proven reliability and the company have an excellent record of success in this field. You will probably be aware that Britain now leads the field as an investor in Turkey, but the big public projects have tended to go to companies in other countries. I see the current contract as an opportunity to establish a better balance, and to reflect in our commercial relations the excellent co-operation which we have achieved in the political field. I would be most grateful if you could ensure that these points are given full weight as a decision is reached. With all good wisher.

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