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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY: APRIL 1990

BF // Thank you for your letter of 6 March about the Prime Minister's visit to Turkey. I think the Prime Minister would wish cards to accompany her wreaths. Perhaps you could suggest appropriate wording, in which case we will get them done. I am sure there is no problem over Sir Julian Oswald plus one flying back with us on the VC10.

I am also sure there will be other points to raise after the reconnaissance visit. I am alarmed by some of the difficulties which are appearing, for instance the very long drive from Istanbul and back again. But we shall have a better idea once we have seen it on the spot.

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Dear Chancellor,

Prime Minister's Visit to Turkey: April 1990

There are two preliminary administrative points about the Prime Minister's visit to Gallipoli for the ANZAC ceremonies.

1. The Turkish authorities are supplying, on a repayment basis, all the wreaths to be laid at the International ceremony. We are providing a ribbon for the Prime Minister's wreath and are asking if a card will be required or a printed ribbon. According to the draft programme and subject to the reconnaissance visit the Prime Minister will be laying wreaths at other cemeteries, eg the British, French, Australian and New Zealand. We propose, if you agree, to order poppy wreaths from the Royal British Legion for these occasions.
2. The Ministry of Defence have asked whether the Chief of Naval Staff (Admiral Sir Julian Oswald) plus one could fly back from Istanbul to London on the Prime Minister's RAF VC10. Since the official party is quite small, there would be room on the aircraft. We shall submit the usual seating plan in due course.

There will be other points to raise after the reconnaissance visit which takes place in the week beginning 19 March.

Yours ever,

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