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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

It was a great privilege to take part in the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings: and we were all most grateful to the Turkish authorities for organising an occasion of such dignity and reverence, bringing together representatives of all the countries who took part in those great events. I thought your speech at the International Ceremony struck exactly the right note: and Ataturk's words in 1934, which you quoted and which are inscribed on the Turkish memorial at Anzac Cove, express more powerfully than anything else the spirit of reconciliation which takes away much of the pain of 1915. I know that the survivors and the relatives of those who fell at Gallipoli were greatly moved by the ceremonies, and grateful to the Turkish Government for the enormous care with which they have preserved the memorials and cemeteries.

I was very glad that we were able to have a good talk. I am arranging for our Ambassador to follow up the two specific points we discussed on which further action is required. I hope that we shall have the opportunity to meet again at a NATO Summit.

May I also thank you and your wife for your very kind gift, which I shall treasure as a reminder of a solemn and moving occasion.

His Excellency Mr. Turgut Ozal

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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