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From the Private Secretary

26 April 1990

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters for her visit to Turkey. I should be grateful if you could arrange for them to be sent to our Embassy in Ankara and Consul General in Istanbul as appropriate, and for delivery. The principal ones ought perhaps to go by telegram if there is not a bag for some time.

CHARLES POWELL

Stephen Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Timothy.

It was very nice to see you and Patricia during my brief visit to Turkey. I am most grateful to you for accompanying me during the events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. I know how much work went into the programme, and the running of it, and I am most grateful to all those concerned. I felt that my visit was well worthwhile. The simple yet dignified British Remembrance Service was very moving, bringing home to one the enormity of the human tragedy of Gallipoli. It was also very good to see how well tended the cemeteries and memorials are, to do honour to those who died.

With warm regards to you both,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Sir Timothy Daunt, K.C.M.G.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Mr. Collins.

I am most grateful to you and your wife for your kind hospitality during my brief stay in Istanbul. I am afraid we must have considerably disrupted your daily life: but you made us most comfortable and welcome - and enabled us to get off to a good start on our very full programme in Gallipoli next day.

With every good wish to you both,

Yours sincerely

Nargis Shahida

Mr. M.B. Collins, O.B.E.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Mr. Richardson

I was very pleased to see you again during my visit for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. As always I was deeply appreciative of the marvellous work done by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in maintaining the many cemeteries on the peninsula. I know what a great deal it means to the families of those who lost their lives, and indeed to all of us who take a pride in the heroism and sacrifice of Britain's armed forces in the Great War. May I ask you to pass on my gratitude to all your staff for their wonderful work - and I do hope that the very large number of visitors and accompanying press have not caused too much damage.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Nagendra Shah

Mr. David Richardson

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Ambassador,

Thank you very much for escorting me so courteously during my brief visit to Turkey for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign. It was most kind of you and was a great help. May I thank you also for the excellent arrangements, which enabled me to get through an almost unprecedented number of engagements in a single day!

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Ambassador Gündoğdu Can

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

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 Attaturk'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 preserve 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.

Yours sincerely

Nargis Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Turgut Ozal

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T85/90

Jean Prime Minister,

May I express my gratitude for the excellent arrangements made for the International Ceremony to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. It was an occasion full of significance, pride and sadness for both our countries, and I am sure that everyone present was moved by its dignity and reverence. We were all grateful, also, to be able to make our own personal act of remembrance at the many memorials and cemeteries which mark the landscape of the peninsula, and are so beautifully maintained with your Government's help.

I was very glad that we were able to meet and have a good talk. May I also thank you for your kind gift, which I shall treasure as a reminder of the occasion.

With every good wish to you and your wife,

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

His Excellency Mr. Yildirim Akbulut

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Minister,

It was a great privilege to attend the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings yesterday. The ceremony was conducted with dignity and reverence, which would have been greatly appreciated by the survivors and the relatives of those who fell at Gallipoli. May I express their gratitude, as well as my own, for the excellent arrangements made to enable us all to come together to pay our respects to the heroes of all the nations who fought there.

It was a particular pleasure to see you again after our meeting in London, and we were all most grateful for your excellent hospitality at lunch.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Safa Giray

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Mr. Ogut.

May I just thank you most warmly for the excellent arrangements made for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. You had a crucial role in this as Chairman of the Turkish Gallipoli Anniversary Committee and we all owe you our appreciation. The Committee's work enabled the ceremonies to be held with great dignity and reverence, which will have meant a great deal in particular to the survivors and the relatives of those who lost their lives. Would you please convey my gratitude also to all the members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Ebran Ogut

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Chief Inspector,

Thank you very much for the excellent security arrangements made for my visit to Turkey for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. I very much appreciate your help and the very skilful way in which you and your colleagues carried out your duties. Please convey my gratitude to all of them.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Chief Inspector Murtaza Arslan

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Archbishop,

Thank you very much for conducting the British Remembrance Service at the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. It was a simple, peaceful yet moving occasion: I know how very much it was appreciated by the veterans of Gallipoli as well as the families of those who fell there. It was a great privilege to be present.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Venerable Geoffrey Evans

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Colonel Peebles.

I am most grateful to you for taking on the task of organising the British Remembrance Service during the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. The fact is that we do these things far better than anyone else, and it was a very moving occasion in its peace and simplicity. I know how much the veterans and the families of those who fell at Gallipoli appreciated it. We are all immensely grateful to you for taking on this additional task.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Nargant Shalita

Colonel Gavin Peebles, O.B.E.
Headquarters Allied Land Forces South Eastern Europe,
BFPO 599.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Sir Robert.

I was very pleased to see you at the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. I thought the British ceremony very moving: we just do these things better than anyone else. It clearly meant a great deal to the veterans and the relatives of those who fell at Gallipoli. One can never praise too highly the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in maintaining the cemeteries: and those on the peninsula have a simple dignity and calm which is very moving. I am most grateful to you and all your colleagues for the work which goes into this and which brings solace to so many people.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Nargan Shetty

General Sir Robert Ford, G.C.B., C.B.E.
Vice-Chairman,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Maidenhead, Berks.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Admiral Abbott:

I am most grateful to you for arranging for HMS ARGONAUT and HMS BROADSWORD to be present at the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, and for providing the contingent for the march past at the international ceremony. It makes an enormous difference on these occasions to see Britain properly represented, and as always the Royal Navy did us proud. I know that it stirred the hearts of all who were there. Please convey my gratitude to all who took part.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Rajiv Gandhi

Rear Admiral Peter Abbott, R.N.
Flag Officer Flotilla 2,
HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Captain Clarke.

Thank you very much for arranging my brief visit to HMS ARGONAUT. I was very pleased to be able to thank some of those concerned in person for their participation in the Gallipoli ceremonies, as well as to meet some of the officers and ratings. I am sorry that we had to make it such a short visit: even so I found it very well worthwhile *and most enjoyable.*

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stalder

Captain John Clarke, R.N.
HMSS Argonaut,
BFPO Ships.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Mr. Alpay,

I am very grateful for all the help you gave over my visit to Turkey for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. You enabled us to get through a very full programme, under difficult circumstances, and I am most grateful for all your efforts.

*Yours sincerely**Nargis Mahida*

Mr. Eray Alpay

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1990

Dear Governor

May I thank you most warmly for the excellent arrangements made for those of us who came to your Province for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign. The ceremonies were held with great dignity and reverence, which will have meant a great deal in particular to the survivors and the relatives of those who lost their lives. I am very much aware of what an enormous organisational effort was required and I should be grateful if my thanks could be conveyed to all those concerned.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Muzaffer Ecemis

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