

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO TURKEY

I have amended the two speeches to take account of your comments and am anxious to get them off for translation. I have shown the texts again to the Foreign Secretary. He remains anxious on one point only and that is the reference to Turkey's application for EC membership, where he feels we must not mislead the Turks into expecting a greater degree of support than we shall in fact give. He has therefore proposed amendment 'A' on the attached sheet. I suggest that you accept it, but with the addition of 'B', which I have proposed.

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normal procedure, and that will become the basis for the Community's collective decision.

I cannot predict what that will be.

But I can <sup>assure you that, in any event,</sup> only say that when the

<sup>continue to</sup> time comes] Britain will give full weight

to the long history of our relations with

Turkey, to our many common interests and

the fact that we are already partners in

so many common endeavours: a partnership

that we wish to sustain and indeed strengthen.

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