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Stephan
You asked me to
check an EDU Round
table in Moscow during
last week in November
Is this likely to clash?



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24 July 1992

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S 27/7 ✓ Sandra cc Mrs Sordelind

Dear Stephan,

Please note that this looks like
framing up.

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Visit to UK by Turkish Prime Minister

You confirmed in your letter of 11 March that the Prime Minister would be willing to see Mr Demirel and host a lunch in his honour, if the Turkish Prime Minister were to visit London for a CBI Conference later in the year. Since then the Prime Minister has met Mr Demirel at UNCED in Rio.

Although Mr Demirel has not yet made a firm decision to travel to London, we understand that he is in favour. Monday 23 November remains our target date, as in your letter. This would suit the CBI.

The Turks have in the meantime suggested that the visit be described as "a working visit to meet the Prime Minister and to attend a CBI Conference on Turkey". We think this is a good idea: it will reinforce the message that we take the Turks seriously. It represents only a change in presentation, but will make the visit attractive in domestic Turkish terms, and influence Mr Demirel to make up his mind positively. Mr Demirel is likely to go on to Brussels from London, which would give the meeting with the Prime Minister during the UK Presidency added impact.

Arrangements for the visit would remain in the Turks' own hands.

Yours ever,
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From the Private Secretary

11 March 1992

Dear Christopher,

VISIT BY THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER

In your letter of 27 February you asked us to identify dates in the autumn when the Prime Minister could give a lunch for Prime Minister Demirel. We suggest either Tuesday 29 September or Monday 23 November. Given the pressures on the diary, it would be helpful to have confirmation of one of these dates in the near future.

*Jans,
Steph*

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27 February 1992

Dear Stephen,

Visit by Turkish Prime Minister

The CBI propose to invite Mr Demirel to visit London in the Autumn to attend a one-day conference for British industry on the Turkish economy. The Foreign Secretary believes it would be right for the Prime Minister to see Mr Demirel during any visit, and, if possible, to offer to host a lunch in his honour.

This year is an important one for Turkey and our bilateral relations. The goodwill and cooperation of the Turkish government continue to be crucial for the success of Operation Warden, particularly if the operation is to be extended into the second half of the year. Because of its position as a Muslim, stable democracy, Turkey has a growing role to play in the Balkans, the Turkic republics of the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East, where Turkey's potential for control of the water supply to Syria and Iraq from the Tigris and Euphrates may be significant in an overall Middle East peace settlement.

The Turks also see Britain as a friend and ally in their efforts to develop their relations with the EC - there will be an Association Council with Turkey during the UK Presidency - and to get an acceptable deal out of WEU associate membership.

Turkey is a major, growing market for UK exports, which grew by some 22% in 1991 to £673 million (January - November). A meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Demirel would underline the efforts of the CBI to drive home to UK industry the opportunities available in the Turkish market.

On Cyprus, a meeting would also be useful in projecting our active interest in the Secretary-General's negotiations and might be of substantive help to that process.

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The CBI have not yet set any firm dates for their conference, and can be flexible over timing. So too, we believe, can Mr Demirel at this stage. If the Prime Minister agrees in principle to see Mr Demirel, perhaps you could suggest one or two dates which we can put to the CBI.

*Yours ever,
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