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From the Private Secretary

110 Achm 5 November 1992

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from His Excellency Süleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of The Republic of Turkey.

I should be grateful if you would provide a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature, to reach this office by Thursday 19 November.

I am copying this letter to Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office).

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2 November 1992

Dear Stephen *Wall*

Message from Turkish Prime Minister

I enclose a letter from Mr Demirel to the Prime Minister, which we have received by fax from the Turkish Embassy. Mr Demirel is writing to all EC Heads of Government before the 9 November EC/Turkey Association Council. Mr Appleyard is meeting the Turkish Political Director on 2 November, and there will be discussion on Turkey at the Political Committee 3-4 November. We should then be in a position to advise on a reply from the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,
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The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to enclose a telefax message from His Excellency Süleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, to the Rt. Hon. John Major MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

It would be appreciated if the message could be conveyed to its highest destination. The original signed text of the message will be forwarded in due course.

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest destination.

London, 30th October 1992



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Prime Minister

Ankara, 30 October 1992

Your Excellency,

It is now nearly three decades since Turkey and the European Communities established by their own free will a contractual relationship with the perspective of Turkey's full-adhesion to this historic process. Our commitment to the ideals represented by the Community remains unchanged.

In line with the desire of its people to achieve political and economic integration with the European Communities, Turkey always persisted in her efforts to develop her relations with the Community. Nor did she ever cease to play an important role in the struggle to bring to an end the artificial division of Europe. Indeed, Turkey has been an enduring political and economic partner of Europe for decades. Today, we are pursuing with unwaned interest our application for full-membership made on 14 April 1987 in accordance with Article 237 of the Treaty of Rome.

I cannot say that Turkey's efforts have been duly reciprocated. Nonetheless, I am happy to observe an improved atmosphere and near-consensus within the Community as regards the importance that relations with Turkey represent at this historic juncture of the beleaguered history and the present of our Continent.

We therefore, noted with a measure of satisfaction when the European Council of Heads of State and Government held in Lisbon on 26-27 June 1992 dealt with Turkey in the context of the future enlargement of the Community and underlined that "the Turkish role in the present European political situation is of the greatest importance" and that "there is every reason to intensify cooperation and develop relations with Turkey in line with the prospect laid down in the Association Agreement of 1964 including a political dialogue at the highest level"

In this context, Turkey-EC Association Council scheduled for 9 November 1992 will be an opportunity to revitalize our relations. It is, I believe, time for the Community to perceive Turkey as a true partner and focus her attention not only to the probable cost Turkey would entail, but the benefits of an enhanced relationship as well.

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His Excellency
Rt. Hon. John Major M.P.
Prime Minister of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland

We expect that the Association Council will give a new life to the institutions of Association and define a binding calendar within which the partners to the Association can decidedly start moving towards definite solutions and develop their relations in accordance with their stated objective of integration of Turkey into the Community.

The results of the Association Council will be followed with interest in my country. It is, therefore, important that the heightened expectations be answered in a comprehensive manner. A declaration to be made at the end of the Council could unequivocally state the final objective of all our endeavours. Such a declaration should also announce a structured and upgraded political dialogue at all levels and, at the same time, the reciprocal will to achieve Customs Union, which is, in so far as the status of other applicant countries are concerned, a dimension unique to our relations of Association.

I would also like to express my hope that the forthcoming Association Council would be the occasion where Turkey and the Community rediscover harmony and mutual understanding as has been desired for so long, hence paving the way for a structured dialogue towards a future perspective kept intact all the time.

I am forwarding the present to Your Colleagues in the European Council and the President of the European Commission.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Süleyman Demirel
Prime Minister of the
Republic of Turkey

