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*From the Private Secretary*

20 November 1992

**LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL OF TURKEY:**  
**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

Thank you for letting me have a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Prime Minister Demirel about the European Community. I enclose the reply. It would be helpful if you could arrange for it to be delivered to Mr. Demirel before his visit here next week.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 November 1992

*Dear Prime Minister,*

Thank you for your letter of 30 October about the relationship between Turkey and the European Community. As President of the European Council, I am also replying on behalf of my colleagues, in the light of the Community's position at the EC/Turkey Association Council on 9 November.

You rightly draw attention to the Lisbon European Council conclusions on the great importance of Turkey's role in Europe and the need to intensify cooperation and to develop relations in line with the prospect in the 1964 Association Agreement, including a political dialogue at the highest level.

This inspired the approach which the Community adopted at the 9 November EC/Turkey Association Council. I am glad that at this meeting the Community reached agreement with Mr. Cetin that political dialogue should be formalised and extended, including meetings as necessary between the Presidency or Prime Minister of Turkey and the Presidents of the European Council and European Commission, half-yearly meetings at Foreign Minister level and ad hoc meetings of officials.

Bearing in mind our common attachment to democracy, respect for human rights and international law, I am confident that this framework will enable the Community and Turkey to conduct a good exchange of views, building on the useful

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discussions held in the margins of the Association Council on 9 November. These issues include Cyprus, where the Community stresses, in line with Security Council resolutions, that the present status quo is not acceptable, and requests Turkey to use its influence to help resolve current problems, on the basis of the Secretary-General's set of ideas.

The Community also remains committed to carrying forward actively other aspects of its relationship with Turkey under the Association Agreement, including the establishment of a Customs Union. The Community noted its continued commitment to this objective at the Association Council.

I hope you will agree that the success of the Association Council on 9 November, which gives substance to the Lisbon conclusions, allows the implementation of the Association Agreement to enter a new and more dynamic phase. The Community looks forward to developing this further in the future.

*Yours Sincerely,  
Alan Page*

His Excellency Mr. Süleyman Demirel