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TURKEY DEPARTURE \ ISTANBUL, TURKEY  
MONDAY, JULY 22, 1991 \ 10:05 A.M.

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. SPEAKER, MR. PRIME MINISTER,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. BARBARA AND I WANT TO THANK YOU  
FOR OUR VISIT, AND FOR THE WARMTH OF YOUR HOSPITALITY  
-- YOUR NATION'S HOSPITALITY.

A TURKISH PROVERB REMINDS US, "A LONG JOURNEY IS  
SHORTENED BY GOOD COMPANIONS." OUR STAY HERE HAS BEEN  
BRIEF -- BUT OUR COMPANIONS HAVE BEEN SPLENDID. / THE  
PROVERB APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE QUEST FOR PEACE AND  
PROSPERITY. ITS ROAD IS ARDUOUS.

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BUT GOOD COMPANIONS SHORTEN IT -- AS PRESIDENT OZAL AND  
PRIME MINISTER YILMAZ HAVE PROVED OVER THESE PAST TWO  
DAYS. //

MR. PRESIDENT, REAL PEACE MEANS THE TRIUMPH OF A  
BETTER LIFE, NOT MERELY THE ABSENCE OF WAR. / THIS  
GOAL WILL REQUIRE STOUT HEARTS AND OPEN MINDS. IT WILL  
PROVIDE A FITTING OBJECT FOR OUR NEW STRATEGIC  
RELATIONSHIP. //

TURKISH-AMERICAN TIES DATE BACK MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS. / BUT OUR GOAL MUST BE MORE EXTENSIVE POLITICAL TIES / DEEPER SECURITY TIES / BROADER ECONOMIC TIES / MORE ENDURING COMMERCIAL TIES. // I LEAVE TURKEY KNOWING THAT OUR TIES ARE AS STRONG AS THEY HAVE EVER BEEN -- AND THAT THEY CAN, AND WILL, GROW EVEN CLOSER. //

TOWARD THAT END, PRESIDENT OZAL AND I TALKED OF HOW TO BROADEN COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE IN SUCH FIELDS AS EDUCATION, THE ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY. / WE DISCUSSED TURKEY'S COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND THE FREE MARKET -- AND HOW INCREASED TRADE AND INVESTMENT CAN ENHANCE OUR RELATIONSHIP AS ALLIES AND FRIENDS. /

WE HAVE PLEDGED TO EXPAND THE MILITARY COOPERATION THAT HELPED LIBERATE KUWAIT. /

OUR ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS TURKEY'S PRIORITY OBJECTIVE OF MILITARY FORCE MODERNIZATION, INCLUDING ITS 160-PLANE F-16 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. /

WE STAND SIDE-BY-SIDE IN MAINTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO PRESERVE STABILITY ON YOUR SOUTHEASTERN FRONTIER. IN THAT SPIRIT, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE \$1 MILLION TO TURKISH VILLAGES ALONG THE IRAQI BORDER THAT SUFFERED ECONOMIC LOSSES DURING THE REFUGE CRISIS.

AND WE WILL REMAIN ENGAGED WITH YOU / OUR GREEK ALLIES / THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE / AND THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL IN HOPES OF BUILDING A LASTING PEACE IN CYPRUS. IF A WALL IN BERLIN CAN FALL TO HUMAN BROTHERHOOD, SO CAN ANCIENT HATREDS ON CYPRUS.

I BEGAN WITH A TURKISH PROVERB. LET ME CLOSE WITH ANOTHER. "THE BIRD WITH ONE WING CANNOT FLY." / MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE A DEAR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE.

YOU KNOW, AS I DO, THAT OUR STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP HAS TWO WINGS -- ONE EXTENDING FROM MAINE TO ALASKA; THE OTHER SPANNING YOUR VAST, HISTORIC LAND. TOGETHER, LET US FLY TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE. //

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS WELCOME, AND FOR THE KINDNESS YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS. MAY GOD BLESS TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TURKEY DEPARTURE  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY  
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Mr. President, Mr. Prime Minister, ladies and gentlemen.  
Barbara and I want to thank you for our visit, and for the warmth  
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A Turkish proverb reminds us, "A long journey is shortened  
by good companions." Our stay here has been brief -- but our  
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the quest for peace <sup>and prosperity.</sup> Its road is arduous. But good companions  
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Mr. President, real peace means the triumph of a better  
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our new <sup>growing partnership.</sup> ~~strategic~~ relationship. //

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/ [[In that spirit, I am pleased to announce that the United States will provide \$1 million to Turkish villages along the Iraqi border that suffered economic losses during the refugee crisis.]]

*Finally, We* pledged to expand the military cooperation that helped liberate Kuwait. / ~~Your Nation can help create a new world order.~~ So we support Turkey's priority objective of military force modernization, including its 160-plane F-16 development program. / *As in Desert Shield and Desert Storm,* We *now* stand side-by-side in maintaining an international force to monitor events in Iraq. *Finally,* ~~And~~ we look forward to working with the United Nations and with the Greek government of my friend, Prime Minister Mitsotakis. If a wall in Berlin can fall to human brotherhood, so can ancient hatreds on the island of Cyprus. //

I began with a Turkish proverb. Let me close with another. "The bird with one wing cannot fly." / Mr. President, you are a dear friend and colleague. You know, as I do, that our strategic relationship has two wings -- one extending from Maine to Alaska; the other spanning your vast, historic land. // ~~Together, let us soar -- for all the children of the world.~~ //

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REMARKS FOR LEGION OF MERIT PRESENTATION  
TO GENERAL MICHEL ROQUEJEOFFRE

I AM PLEASED TO MARK THIS BRIEF VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY BY HONORING A FRENCHMAN OF GREAT CHARACTER AND COURAGE, GENERAL MICHEL ROQUEJEOFFRE [MEESH-SHELL ROWK-JOFRE]. / GENERAL, UNDER YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP, FRENCH FORCES DISPLAYED A VALOR THAT BROUGHT CREDIT TO THE NAME OF FRANCE -- AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR COALITION.

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GENERAL, LIKE LAFAYETTE BEFORE YOU, YOU TOOK THE FIELD IN SERVICE TO A LARGER CAUSE. / A GRATEFUL NATION GIVES YOU THANKS. ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS, IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND A PLEASURE TO PRESENT YOU THE LEGION OF MERIT, DEGREE OF CHIEF COMMANDER.

AND NOW, MAJOR CANCELLA IF YOU WOULD PLEASE READ THE CITATION.

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~~Our shared past has, indeed, been glorious and purposeful. But~~  
Over the next two days in Ankara and historic Istanbul, Mr. President, I would like to discuss with you, Prime Minister Yilmaz and the Turkish people our future. We believe the years ahead will lead to even stronger and broader U.S.-Turkish ties. Let us create a new strategic relationship-- closer consultations on the vital political issues we face, expanded security ties, and a much more vigorous economic dialogue, ~~to spur trade and investment.~~

But let us not stop there. We should also agree to broaden the contacts between the Turkish and American peoples so that in science and medicine, the environment and education, we strengthen the bonds that connect us to each other.

And, finally, as I have just come from Greece, let us also talk of invigorating the path to peace on Cyprus and reconciliation between Turkey and Greece.

~~trade and human rights~~ Together, let us ~~address~~ ~~the~~

~~challenges in trade, human rights~~

Let us take up the challenges of free trade & human rights.

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which date back more than two hundred years. / I speak of more  
extensive political ties / deeper security ties / broader  
economic ties / more enduring commercial ties. // ~~Your great~~  
~~leader, Kemal Ataturk, once said, "The opinion of the government~~  
~~must reflect the opinion of the Nation."~~ // I leave Turkey with  
the opinion that our ~~relations~~ <sup>ties</sup> are as ~~good~~ <sup>strong</sup> as they have ever been  
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Finally, we pledged to expand the military cooperation that helped liberate Kuwait, <sup>and which has elevated Turkey to a key position in the Western community.</sup> / Your Nation can help create a new world order. So we support Turkey's priority objective of military force modernization, including its 160-plane F-16 development program. / We will be <sup>stand side-by-side</sup> at the other's side in maintaining an international force to monitor events in Iraq. / And we look forward to working with the United Nations and with the Greek government of my friend, Prime Minister Mitsotakis. If a wall in Berlin can fall to human brotherhood, so can ancient <sup>hatreds</sup> enmity on the island of Cyprus. //

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THIS CITY'S ANCIENT HISTORY IS WRITTEN FOR ALL TO SEE IN MARBLE, STONE AND GOLD: IN THE MONUMENTAL GRANDEUR OF THE HAGIA [HAH-GE-UH] SOPHIA / THE SERENITY OF THE BLUE MOSQUE / THE COURTS OF TOPKAPI [TOP-COP-EE]. AND HERE: IN THE DOLMABAHCE [DOL-MUH-BAH-CHAY] PALACE -- A TREASUREHOUSE OF TURKISH ART AND ARCHITECTURE. / LIKE ISTANBUL, TURKEY IS EAST AND WEST -- ANCIENT AND MODERN. FOR IN TURKEY, WHAT MIGHT ELSEWHERE APPEAR AS CONTRADICTIONS / ARE DAZZLING FACETS OF CULTURE AND CHARACTER. //

IN THIS MAGNIFICENT PALACE -- TESTAMENT TO TURKEY'S PAST -- IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION, IT IS FITTING TO SPEAK ABOUT NEW AND OLD: ABOUT OUR NEW WORLD OF CHANGE -- ABOUT THE ENDURING PARTNERSHIP THAT BINDS OUR TWO NATIONS. //

THAT PARTNERSHIP GROWS OUT OF A SHARED DEVOTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL IDEAL: THE UNDERSTANDING THAT RESPONSIBLE NATIONS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO REPEL AGGRESSION -- TO PRESERVE THE PEACE. FROM THE DAYS OF THE KOREAN WAR -- AND THE LEGENDARY BRAVERY OF THE TURKISH BRIGADE -- THROUGH THE LONG YEARS OF COLD WAR, AS PARTNERS IN THE NATO ALLIANCE AND TODAY IN OUR EFFORT TO FORGE A NEW WORLD ORDER -- TURKEY HAS STOOD FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL IDEAL. //

FOR FORTY YEARS, TURKEY PLAYED A STRATEGIC ROLE AS A BULWARK OF NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK. THE ALLIANCE'S -- AND TURKEY'S -- STEADFAST ADHERENCE TO COMMON VALUES AND INTERESTS PRODUCED A STUNNING TRIUMPH, OF COURSE. DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHED OVER TOTALITARIANISM IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND THE COLD WAR YIELDED TO PROSPECTS FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF WORLD.

THEN CAME IRAQ'S INVASION OF KUWAIT -- AN ACT THAT DEFIED ALL THAT TURKEY AND THE U.S. STAND FOR -- AN ACT THAT EXPOSED THIS ENTIRE REGION TO BRUTAL AGGRESSION.

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TURKEY'S RESPONSE AS A KEY MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION STANDS AS A TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT OZAL -- TO THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE TURKISH MILITARY -- AND TO THE GREAT HEART OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE. //

TURKEY'S ACTIONS AS A PIVOTAL COALITION MEMBER DEMONSTRATED AGAIN OUR READINESS TO DEFEND OUR COMMON VALUES AND INTERESTS. IT PROVED THAT OUR ALLIANCE WAS BUILT NOT UPON THE FEAR OF COMMUNISM, BUT OUT OF A PROFOUND, SHARED COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

ALL DURING THE WORLD'S EFFORT TO USE DIPLOMACY TO GET IRAQ'S BRUTAL DICTATOR TO REMOVE HIS FORCES FROM KUWAIT AND ALL DURING DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM -- PRESIDENT OZAL AND I WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH. THERE WAS NO INDIVIDUAL IN ANY COUNTRY THAT WAS MORE RESOLUTE, MORE DETERMINED TO SEE INTERNATIONAL LAW PREVAIL. AND ONCE THE DECISION WAS MADE TO USE FORCE, NO ALLY WAS MORE SOLID THAN TURKEY, NO LEADER MORE STAUNCH THEN PRESIDENT OZAL.

OUR WORK AS FRIENDS, ALLIES AND COALITION PARTNERS CONTINUES TODAY. OUR TWO NATIONS ARE PART OF THE NEWLY-FORMED "RESIDUAL FORCE," STATIONED NEAR TURKEY'S BORDER WITH IRAQ. / ALL OF US UNDERSTAND THIS FORCE WILL NOT STAY PERMANENTLY. BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SENDING A STRONG, UNMISTAKABLE SIGNAL TO SADDAM HUSSEIN: HE MUST NOT RESUME WAR AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. PRIME MINISTER, OUR NATIONS FOR YEARS HAVE FOSTERED A STRONG RELATIONSHIP. TURKEY'S STAND IN THE GULF DEMONSTRATED THAT RELATIONSHIP'S STRENGTH. TONIGHT, LET US PLEDGE TO BUILD FURTHER UPON OUR COMMON TIES AND AIMS, TO STRENGTHEN THE LINKS OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE FORGED.

IN YEARS TO COME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BACK OUR WARM WORDS WITH FIRM DEEDS. OUR ADMINISTRATION HOPES TO DELIVER A \$625 MILLION MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN 1992 -- A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE. WE SUPPORT TURKEY'S PRODUCTION OF 160 F-16S.

BUT THIS NEW STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR NATIONS POINTS BEYOND SIMPLY THE MILITARY DIMENSION -- TO EXPANDED TRADE AND INCREASED INVESTMENT IN ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST DYNAMIC ECONOMIES.

WELL BEFORE THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL AND THE ADVENT OF FREE MARKET FORCES IN EASTERN EUROPE, TURKEY LAUNCHED AN AMBITIOUS REFORM PROGRAM. IN THE 1980'S, TURKEY OUTPACED EVERY NATION IN THE O.E.C.D. IN ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN THE '90'S -- AS NEW NATIONS DISCOVER THE POWER OF FREE ENTERPRISE, AS DEMOCRACY DISPELS A LONG DARK ERA OF DIVISION AND DISTRUST -- TURKEY CAN REGAIN ITS HISTORIC PLACE AS A TRADE HUB, UNITING EUROPE -- EAST AND WEST -- ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. //

FINALLY, OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP MEANS BUILDING NEW BRIDGES: BRINGING TOGETHER THE BEST MINDS IN BOTH OUR NATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE AND THE ENVIRONMENT -- OPENING THE DOORS TO OUR UNIVERSITIES -- OPENING OUR MINDS TO EACH OTHER'S IDEAS, CULTURES AND TRADITIONS. / THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE KNOWN AND ADMIRERD EACH OTHER AS ALLIES. IT IS TIME NOW FOR OUR PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AS FRIENDS. ///

A KEY TO THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP LIES IN THE OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPENING AS A DIRECT RESULT OF A DECADE OF DEMOCRACY. //

TURKEY TODAY IS A NATION CONFIDENT OF ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD -- A CONFIDENCE MADE CLEAR IN YOUR NATION'S OPENING TO THE NEW DEMOCRACIES OF EASTERN EUROPE -- AND YOUR GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. // YOUR BLACK SEA INITIATIVE, AIMED AT EXPANDING TRADE WITH THE SOVIETS AND OTHER NATIONS THAT BORDER THAT GREAT BODY OF WATER ILLUSTRATES THE PROMISE OF WHAT I HAVE CALLED THE NEW WORLD ORDER. EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION HAS MADE WAY FOR TRADE AND COOPERATION -- THE CORNERSTONES OF LASTING PEACE.

THESE INITIATIVES PROMISE INCREASED PROSPERITY FOR THE TURKISH PEOPLE -- AND INCREASED SECURITY FOR THE TURKISH REPUBLIC. IN THE FAMOUS WORDS OF KEMAL ATATURK, "PEACE AT HOME, PEACE ABROAD" REMAINS A WORTHY GOAL FOR ALL NATIONS. //

THAT MEANS WE MUST BEGIN BUILDING A LASTING PEACE  
RIGHT HERE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IN THE PAST  
TWO DAYS, IN ANKARA AND ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE, I HAVE  
HONORED THE MEMORIES OF KEMAL ATATURK AND ELEUTHERIOS  
VENIZELOS: TWO STATESMEN WHOSE EVERY THOUGHT WAS FOR  
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ONCE AGAIN, TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE PRODUCED LEADERS  
OF VISION -- BOTH TRUSTED FRIENDS OF MINE. AND AS A  
FRIEND OF TURKEY, I SAY: THE TIME HAS COME FOR A NEW  
OPENING TO A NEIGHBOR AND FELLOW NATO ALLY. THE TIME  
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AFTER ALL, GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE BEEN ALLIES IN  
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DOLMABAHCE PALACE  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY  
JULY 21, 1991  
8:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT OZAL. PRIME MINISTER YILMAZ. MEMBERS OF  
THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. // I THANK YOU FOR THIS WARM  
WELCOME -- AND I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO BE THE FIRST  
AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO COME TO THIS HISTORIC CITY. ///

AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, FEW CLAIM A PAST AS  
STORIED AS YOURS. / TURKEY STANDS AT A CROSSROADS OF  
CULTURES AND CIVILIZATIONS. HERE -- IN ISTANBUL: ONE  
CITY SPANS TWO CONTINENTS. //

THIS CITY'S ANCIENT HISTORY IS WRITTEN FOR ALL TO SEE IN MARBLE, STONE AND GOLD: IN THE MONUMENTAL GRANDEUR OF THE HAGIA [HAH-GE-UH] SOPHIA / THE SERENITY OF THE BLUE MOSQUE / THE COURTS OF TOPKAPI [TOP-COP-EE]. AND HERE: IN THE DOLMABAHCE [DOL-MUH-BAH-CHAY] PALACE -- A TREASUREHOUSE OF TURKISH ART AND ARCHITECTURE. / LIKE ISTANBUL, TURKEY IS EAST AND WEST -- ANCIENT AND MODERN. FOR IN TURKEY, WHAT MIGHT ELSEWHERE APPEAR AS CONTRADICTIONS / ARE DAZZLING FACETS OF CULTURE AND CHARACTER. //

IN THIS MAGNIFICENT PALACE -- TESTAMENT TO TURKEY'S PAST --IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION, IT IS FITTING TO SPEAK ABOUT NEW AND OLD: ABOUT OUR NEW WORLD OF CHANGE -- ABOUT THE ENDURING PARTNERSHIP THAT BINDS OUR TWO NATIONS. //

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TURKEY'S RESPONSE AS A KEY MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION STANDS AS A TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT OZAL -- TO THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE TURKISH MILITARY -- AND TO THE GREAT HEART OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE. //

TURKEY'S ACTIONS AS A PIVOTAL COALITION MEMBER DEMONSTRATED AGAIN OUR READINESS TO DEFEND OUR COMMON VALUES AND INTERESTS. IT PROVED THAT OUR ALLIANCE WAS BUILT NOT UPON THE FEAR OF COMMUNISM, BUT OUT OF A PROFOUND, SHARED COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

ALL DURING THE WORLD'S EFFORT TO USE DIPLOMACY TO GET IRAQ'S BRUTAL DICTATOR TO REMOVE HIS FORCES FROM KUWAIT AND ALL DURING DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM -- PRESIDENT OZAL AND I WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH. THERE WAS NO INDIVIDUAL IN ANY COUNTRY THAT WAS MORE RESOLUTE, MORE DETERMINED TO SEE INTERNATIONAL LAW PREVAIL. AND ONCE THE DECISION WAS MADE TO USE FORCE, NO ALLY WAS MORE SOLID THAN TURKEY, NO LEADER MORE STAUNCH THEN PRESIDENT OZAL.

OUR WORK AS FRIENDS, ALLIES AND COALITION PARTNERS CONTINUES TODAY. OUR TWO NATIONS ARE PART OF THE NEWLY-FORMED "RESIDUAL FORCE," STATIONED NEAR TURKEY'S BORDER WITH IRAQ. / ALL OF US UNDERSTAND THIS FORCE WILL NOT STAY PERMANENTLY. BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SENDING A STRONG, UNMISTAKABLE SIGNAL TO SADDAM HUSSEIN: HE MUST NOT RESUME WAR AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. PRIME MINISTER, OUR NATIONS FOR YEARS HAVE FOSTERED A STRONG RELATIONSHIP. TURKEY'S STAND IN THE GULF DEMONSTRATED THAT RELATIONSHIP'S STRENGTH. TONIGHT, LET US PLEDGE TO BUILD FURTHER UPON OUR COMMON TIES AND AIMS, TO STRENGTHEN THE LINKS OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE FORGED.

IN YEARS TO COME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BACK OUR WARM WORDS WITH FIRM DEEDS. OUR ADMINISTRATION HOPES TO DELIVER A \$625 MILLION MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN 1992 -- A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE. WE SUPPORT TURKEY'S PRODUCTION OF 160 F-16S.

BUT THIS NEW STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR NATIONS POINTS BEYOND SIMPLY THE MILITARY DIMENSION -- TO EXPANDED TRADE AND INCREASED INVESTMENT IN ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST DYNAMIC ECONOMIES.

WELL BEFORE THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL AND THE ADVENT OF FREE MARKET FORCES IN EASTERN EUROPE, TURKEY LAUNCHED AN AMBITIOUS REFORM PROGRAM. IN THE 1980'S, TURKEY OUTPACED EVERY NATION IN THE O.E.C.D. IN ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN THE '90'S -- AS NEW NATIONS DISCOVER THE POWER OF FREE ENTERPRISE, AS DEMOCRACY DISPELS A LONG DARK ERA OF DIVISION AND DISTRUST -- TURKEY CAN REGAIN ITS HISTORIC PLACE AS A TRADE HUB, UNITING EUROPE -- EAST AND WEST -- ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. //

FINALLY, OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP MEANS BUILDING NEW BRIDGES: BRINGING TOGETHER THE BEST MINDS IN BOTH OUR NATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE AND THE ENVIRONMENT -- OPENING THE DOORS TO OUR UNIVERSITIES -- OPENING OUR MINDS TO EACH OTHER'S IDEAS, CULTURES AND TRADITIONS. / THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE KNOWN AND ADMIRERD EACH OTHER AS ALLIES. IT IS TIME NOW FOR OUR PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AS FRIENDS. ///

A KEY TO THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP LIES IN THE OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPENING AS A DIRECT RESULT OF A DECADE OF DEMOCRACY. //

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THESE INITIATIVES PROMISE INCREASED PROSPERITY FOR THE TURKISH PEOPLE -- AND INCREASED SECURITY FOR THE TURKISH REPUBLIC. IN THE FAMOUS WORDS OF KEMAL ATATURK, "PEACE AT HOME, PEACE ABROAD" REMAINS A WORTHY GOAL FOR ALL NATIONS. //

THAT MEANS WE MUST BEGIN BUILDING A LASTING PEACE RIGHT HERE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IN THE PAST TWO DAYS, IN ANKARA AND ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE, I HAVE HONORED THE MEMORIES OF KEMAL ATATURK AND ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS: TWO STATESMEN WHOSE EVERY THOUGHT WAS FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR NATIONS -- TWO STATESMEN WHO EARLIER THIS CENTURY MADE POSSIBLE A GENERATION OF PEACE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.

ONCE AGAIN, TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE PRODUCED LEADERS OF VISION -- BOTH TRUSTED FRIENDS OF MINE. AND AS A FRIEND OF TURKEY, I SAY: THE TIME HAS COME FOR A NEW OPENING TO A NEIGHBOR AND FELLOW NATO ALLY. THE TIME HAS COME FOR LASTING PEACE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DOLMABAHCE PALACE  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY  
JULY 21, 1991  
8:00 P.M.

[Introductory acknowledgements.] President Ozal. Prime  
Minister Yilmaz. {Ministers/Members of the Turkish Government.}  
// I thank you for this warm welcome -- and I am deeply honored  
to be the first American President to come to this historic city.  
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Among the nations of the world, few claim a past as storied  
as yours. / Turkey stands at a crossroads of cultures and  
civilizations. Here -- in Istanbul: **one city spans two  
continents.** //

This city's ancient history is written for all to see in  
marble, stone and gold: in the monumental grandeur of the Hagia  
[HAH-ge-uh] Sophia / the serenity of the Blue Mosque / the courts  
of Topkapi [TOP-cop-ee]. And here: in the Dolmabahce [Dol-muh-  
BAH-chay] Palace -- a treasurehouse of Turkish art and  
architecture. / Like Istanbul, Turkey is **East and West --  
ancient and modern.** For in Turkey, what might elsewhere appear  
as contradictions / are dazzling facets of culture and character.  
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In this magnificent palace -- testament to Turkey's past --  
in the presence of the men and women entrusted with the future of  
this nation, it is fitting to speak about new and old: about our

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new world of change -- about the enduring partnership that binds our two nations. //

That partnership grows out of a shared devotion to the international ideal: the understanding that responsible nations must work together to repel aggression -- to preserve the peace. From the days of the Korean War -- and the legendary bravery of the Turkish Brigade -- through the long years of Cold War, as partners in the NATO alliance and today in our effort to forge a new world order -- Turkey has never hesitated to take a stand for this international ideal. //

For forty years, Turkey played a strategic role as a bulwark of NATO's southern flank. The alliance's -- and Turkey's -- steadfast adherence to common values and interests produced a stunning triumph, of course. Democracy triumphed over totalitarianism in Eastern Europe, and the Cold War gave rise to prospects for a different kind of world, ~~a world in which Turkey might play a pivotal role, a role of new influence, new opportunities, new responsibilities.~~

Then came Iraq's invasion of Kuwait -- an act that defied all that Turkey and the U.S. stand for -- an act that exposed this entire region to brutal aggression. //

Turkey's response as a key member of the international coalition stands as a tribute to the leadership of President Ozal -- to the professionalism of the Turkish military -- and to the great heart of the Turkish people. //

Turkey's actions as a pivotal coalition member demonstrated again our readiness to defend our common values and interests. It proved that our alliance was built not upon the fear of

communism, but out of a profound, shared commitment to freedom and democracy.

All during the world's effort to use diplomacy to get Iraq's brutal dictator to remove his forces from Kuwait

and all during Desert Shield and Desert Storm -- President Ozal and I were in constant touch. There was no individual in any country that was more resolute, more determined to see

international law prevail. And once the decision was made to use force, no ally was more solid than Turkey, no leader more staunch

then President Ozal. ~~I have come here, in part, to thank Turkey and to praise it for doing the difficult, the unusual and the right thing.~~

Our work as friends, allies and coalition partners continues today. Our two nations are part of the newly-formed "residual force," stationed near Turkey's border with Iraq. / All of us understand this force will not stay permanently. But we also understand the importance of sending a strong, unmistakable signal to Saddam Hussein: He must not resume war against his own people.

Mr. President, Mr. Prime Minister, our nations for years have fostered a strong ~~strategic~~ relationship. Turkey's stand in the Gulf demonstrated that relationship's strength. Tonight, let us pledge to build further upon our common ties and aims, to strengthen the links our governments have forged.

In years to come, we will continue to back our warm words with firm deeds. Our Administration hopes to deliver a \$625 million military assistance program in 1992 -- a substantial increase. We support Turkey's production of 160 F-16s.

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But this new<sup>A</sup> relationship between our nations points beyond ✓  
 simply the military dimension -- to expanded trade and increased  
 investment in one of Europe's most dynamic economies.

Well before the fall of the Berlin Wall and the advent of  
 free market forces in Eastern Europe, Turkey launched an  
 ambitious reform program. In the 1980's, Turkey outpaced every  
 nation in the OECD in economic growth. In the '90's -- as new  
 nations discover the power of free enterprise, as democracy  
 dispels a long dark era of division and distrust -- Turkey can  
 regain its historic place as a trade hub, uniting Europe -- East  
 and West -- Asia and the Middle East. //

Finally, our new relationship means building new bridges:  
 bringing together the best minds in both our nations in the  
 fields of science and technology, medicine and the environment -  
 - opening the doors to our universities -- opening our minds to  
 each other's ideas, cultures and traditions. / The people of  
 our two nations have known and admired each other as allies. It  
 is time now for our people to get to know each other better as  
 friends. ///

But<sup>A</sup> ~~the~~ key to this new relationship lies in the  
 opportunities now opening as a direct result of a decade of  
democracy. //

Turkey today is a nation confident of its place in the world  
 -- a confidence made clear in your nation's opening to the new  
 democracies of Eastern Europe -- and your growing relationship  
 with the Soviet Union. // Your Black Sea initiative, aimed at

expanding trade <sup>with</sup> ~~between~~ the Soviets and other nations that border that great body of water illustrates the promise of what I have called the New World Order. East-West confrontation has made way for trade and cooperation -- the cornerstones of lasting peace. ✓

These initiatives promise increased prosperity for the Turkish people -- and increased security for the Turkish Republic. In the famous words of Kemal Ataturk, "peace at home, peace abroad" remains a worthy goal for all nations. //

That means we must begin building a lasting peace right here in the Eastern Mediterranean. In the past two days, in ~~Ankara~~ <sup>STET</sup> and on the island of Crete, I have honored the memories of Kemal Ataturk and Eleutherios Venizelos: two statesmen whose every thought was for the good of their nations -- two statesmen who earlier this century made possible a generation of peace between Turkey and Greece.

Once again, Turkey and Greece have produced leaders of vision -- both trusted friends of mine. And as a friend <sup>OF TURKEY</sup>, I say: The time has come for a new opening to a neighbor and fellow NATO ally. The time has come for ~~lasting peace~~ <sup>FRIENDSHIP</sup> between Turkey and Greece. <sub>STET</sub>

After all, Greece and Turkey have been allies in NATO -- partners in the coalition that liberated Kuwait -- free European nations devoted to a common ideal. //

So this sad chapter of ill-will must end. No two nations who cherish democracy should regard each other as enemies.

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This opening must include movement on the Cyprus question. In less than two years' time, we've witnessed a chain reaction of change that has swept away the Berlin Wall -- and with it, four decades of totalitarian rule and the ever-present risk of global war. // The message I bring to Turkey and to Greece is simply this: We've seen too much change in the world to settle for the status quo between your two countries -- both good friends of America -- both of whom stand to gain much through friendship. *wants to help. The time for change is this year.* //

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~~We have seen too much change in this region and throughout the world to stand for the status quo in Cyprus.~~ We support the efforts of Secretary General Perez de Cuellar to open the door to a solution for the problem. But I would like to tell the people of Turkey what I have told the people of Greece: The solution lies in your hands. Your friends can and will offer encouragement and support -- but only Greece<sup>ks</sup>, Turkey<sup>s</sup> and Cyprus<sup>ists</sup> themselves can reach an effective, lasting resolution. ✓



I believe the time is right to break through the barriers, tear down the old taboos -- and build a lasting peace. // When I see the <sup>STRENGTH</sup> [wealth] of leadership -- President Ozal, Prime Minister Yilmaz, / Mr. Denktash, President Karamanlis, Prime Minister Mitsotakis, President Vassiliou -- I know the <sup>WISDOM</sup> [leadership] exists ✓ in Turkey, Greece and Cyprus to set aside old animosities -- and **TO** ✓ seize an opportunity for real peace. ///

Mr. President, Mr. Prime Minister, members of the Turkish government: I am confident Turkey can rise to this challenge.

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A decade of free government and free enterprise have made Turkey a rising star of Europe. / Politically and economically, Turkey is today a nation transformed. There should be no question that Turkey deserves entry into the European Community and the Western European Union -- and Turkey can count on America's support. //

Turkey stands as a model to those who strive for free elections and free markets. Regimes that force a false choice between progress and piety -- between technology and tradition -- stand refuted by your experience. Turkey proves that a nation can build a flourishing democracy and a modern economy -- can embrace freedom and tolerance -- and still sustain its ancient faiths. //

Turkey aims at the vision of Ataturk: a vision evident in this city, with its minarets and modern skyscrapers -- a vision that marks out Turkey's destiny in the region, in Europe, and in the world beyond. ///

More than thirty years ago, President Dwight Eisenhower came to your country on a pilgrimage of freedom -- a visit I know many of you remember. In the generation since then, Turkey turned promise into prosperity -- creating a future few would have thought possible. / But for all that has changed, one fundamental fact remains the same: in the words of Eisenhower,

"No power on earth, no evil, no threat, can frustrate a people of your spirit." //

Once again, I thank all of you for the warm welcome I have received in Ankara, and here in Istanbul. / May our two nations always work to preserve peace, freedom and prosperity -- and may God bless the people of Turkey.

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