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LOG NUMBER: 3213

DUE DATE: 23 May

DATE STAFFED: 11 May

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FROM: Knollenberg

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Sincerely,

Dr. Vance D. Coffman
Chairman and CEO
Lockheed Martin Corporation
6810 Rockledge Drive
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President and CEO
GE Aircraft Engines
1 Neumann Way
P.O. Box 156301
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Mr. Phil Condit
Chairman and CEO
Boeing
7755 East Marginalway South
Seattle, Washington 98108

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Chairman and CEO
Bell Helicopter Textron
Post Office Box 482
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

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November 8, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write on behalf of American industry to underline the importance of our defense sales to Turkey. We wish you success on your trip to Turkey in November for the OSCE Summit and your State visit to that important ally.

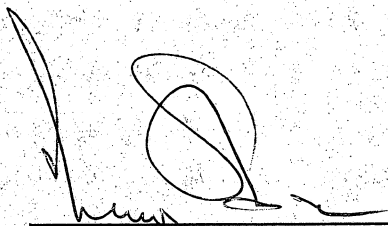
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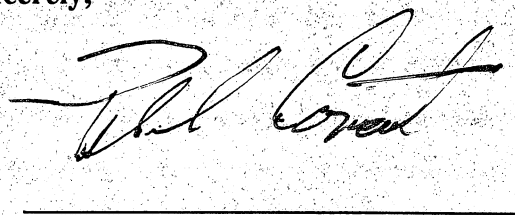
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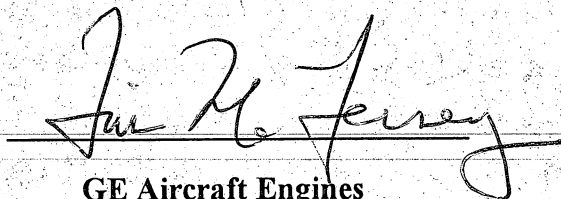
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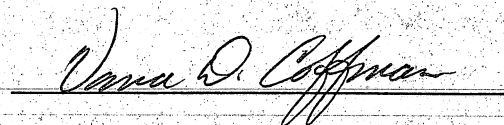
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 2000

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter concerning the possible sale of U.S. attack helicopters to Turkey.

As you know, a U.S. manufacturer is competing for the contract against two foreign firms, and the Turkish government has not made a final decision. If Turkey selects the American company, our export license decision will be based on the full range of considerations required by law as well as our conventional arms transfer policy.

As a NATO ally, Turkey has important obligations to the Atlantic Alliance and legitimate defense needs. I believe the United States should support Turkish efforts to meet both, consistent with our arms transfer policies. We review all potential military sales and transfers to Turkey on a case-by-case basis, to ensure weapon system transfers do not contribute to regional instability.

During the license request review, we also consider human rights. The government of Prime Minister Ecevit has made significant progress in this regard over the past year. The Ecevit administration, working with the National Assembly, has removed military judges from state security courts, cracked down on torture and other illegal activity among security forces, and enacted laws designed to strengthen protection for parties that express what some in Turkey see as unorthodox views. Violence and PKK terrorism in southeastern Turkey has abated.

Reflecting the new situation in the region, Foreign Minister Cem recently suggested publicly that ethnic Kurds be allowed to write, broadcast, and study in their mother tongue. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, a widely respected reformist and former Chief of the Turkish Constitutional Court, was inaugurated as Turkey's President on May 16, and has reiterated calls for democratic reform and commitment to the rule of law at home and abroad.

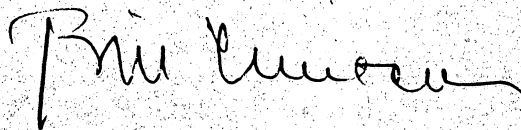
The Ecevit government is also achieving economic progress with far-reaching reforms on pensions and international arbitration. Prime Minister Ecevit has ushered in much-needed fiscal discipline, which is bringing down inflation and preparing the groundwork for sustained growth in Turkey.

Such initiatives influenced the EU's decision to grant candidate status to Turkey last December in Helsinki, a development strongly supported -- indeed, made possible -- by the Government of Greece. As part of its progress toward EU accession, Turkey agreed in Helsinki to work to resolve bilateral disputes in the Aegean.

Regarding Cyprus, I am determined to do everything I can to promote a comprehensive, just, and final resolution to the dispute on the island. I am hopeful that the ongoing talks between the parties will prepare the way for progress. The very fact that the talks reconvened last December after a stalemate of more than two years suggests that there is some new thinking among Greek and Turkish Cypriots, and in Athens and Ankara as well.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515



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April 18, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In the next few weeks, Turkey proposes to purchase 145 attack helicopters worth four billion dollars from one of the U.S. manufacturers. We urge you to deny an export license for this purchase. Nothing could be more destructive to your efforts to bring peace and stability to the eastern Mediterranean region than this huge arms purchase by Turkey.

Turkey already possesses a vast military superiority over all its neighbors and has a disturbing history of using U.S. arms against its Kurdish minority. The human rights abuses committed by the Turkish military against the Kurds, the invasion of the sovereign republic of Cyprus and the threats uttered by the Turkish government against several of its neighbors are too well known to need elaboration here.

The addition of these helicopters to the already overwhelming military arsenal of Turkey will destabilize the area even more and stimulate a costly arms race with several of its neighbors. All the countries in this area need peaceful economic development and, if anything, a reduction in the resources devoted to the military.

Turkey in particular, after the recent devastating earthquakes, needs to devote its resources to the reconstruction of the destroyed areas. According to the Turkish Anadolu Press Agency, the Turkish government has transferred some of the generous international quake aid to the general budget and may be using it for arms purchases.

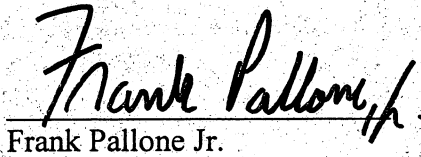
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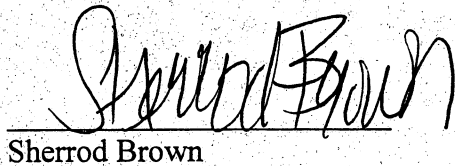
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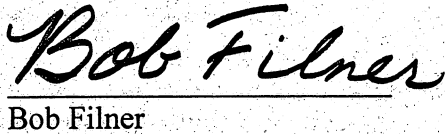
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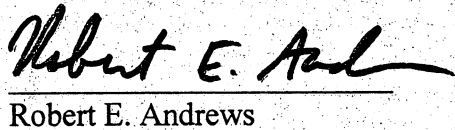

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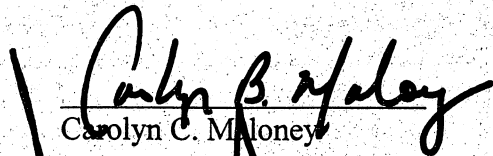

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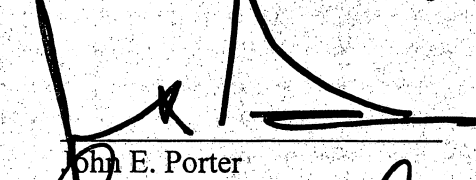

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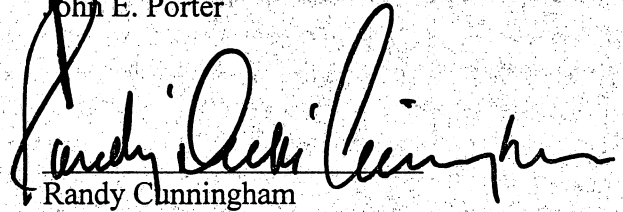

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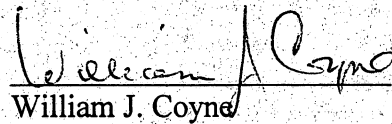

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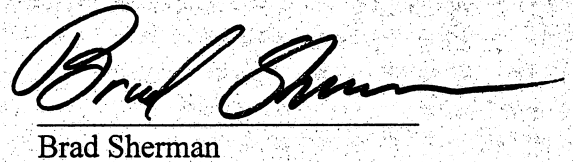

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Dear Mr. President:

In the next few weeks, Turkey proposes to purchase 145 attack helicopters worth four billion dollars from one of the U.S. manufacturers. I urge you to deny an export license for this purchase. Nothing could be more destructive to your efforts to bring peace and stability to the eastern Mediterranean region than this huge arms purchase by Turkey.

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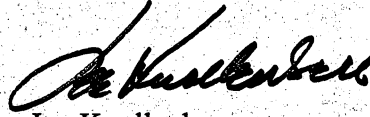
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Knollenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

Joe Knollenberg
Member of Congress

CC: Vice President Al Gore
Secretary of State Madeline Albright

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ID# 416412
PAGE 1

DATE RECEIVED: 04/26/2000

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MIKE BILRAKIS

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DENY AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE PURCHASE OF 145 ATTACK
HELICOPTERS TO TURKEY FROM AN U.S. MANUFACTURERS

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION		
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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	CHARLES "CHUCK" BRAIN	ORG	2000/04/26		C	05/14/28

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ID# 416581
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DATE RECEIVED: 05/08/2000

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOE KNOLLENBERG

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DENY AN EXPORT LICENSE TO TURKEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF
145 ATTACK HELICOPTERS FROM A U.S. MANUFACTURER

		ACTION		DISPOSITION		
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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	CHARLES "CHUCK" BRAIN	ORG	2000/05/08		C	00/5/10

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From: Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2000 11:30 PM
To: @EUROPE - European Affairs
Cc: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Congressional Correspondence re Possible Sale of US Attack Helicopters to Turkey
[UNCLASSIFIED]

Berger/Brain/Staff Secretary approved the edited text of the letter in subject package. The additional letters need to be prepared. The approved version is below for your use; the letters should be dated June 27, 2000. A copy of the approved package and the diskette is on the way to you.

Please return the letters and labels to Executive Secretary as soon as possible, but not later than COB, Friday, June 23. Thank you.



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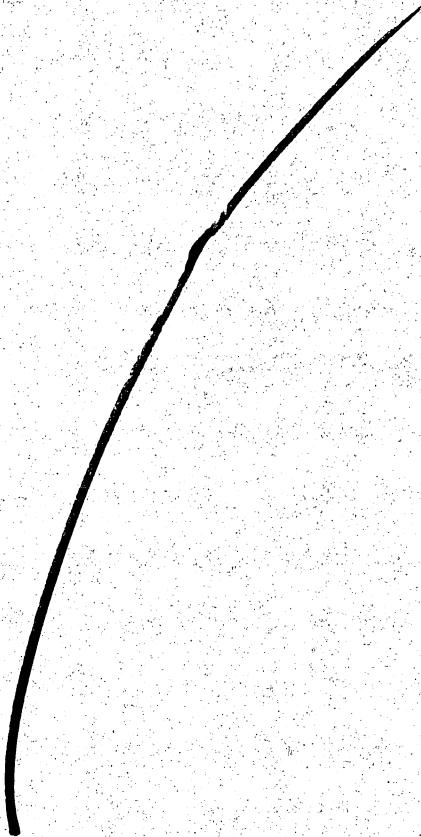
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Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)

From: Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2000 6:36 PM
To: Kass, Nicholas S. (EUR)
Cc: @EUROPE - European Affairs; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Package 3213 Congressional Correspondence Concerning Turkey/Helicopters
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From: DeHart, James P
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2000 12:57 PM
To: Blinken, Antony J.
Subject: Draft Input for President's Letter



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FOR NICK --

most of this letter is previously cleared material (through PM and DRL). But para 3 is new -- we added it because the letter mainly employs pol/mil arguments against the helo sale. Use as you see fit. Thanks. jD

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 2000

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter concerning the possible sale of U.S. attack helicopters to Turkey.

As you know, a U.S. manufacturer is competing for the contract against two foreign firms, and the Turkish government has not made a final decision. If Turkey selects the American company, our export license decision will be based on the full range of considerations required by law as well as our conventional arms transfer policy.

As a NATO ally, Turkey has important obligations to the Atlantic Alliance and legitimate defense needs. I believe the United States should support Turkish efforts to meet both, consistent with our arms transfer policies. We review all potential military sales and transfers to Turkey on a case-by-case basis, to ensure weapon system transfers do not contribute to regional instability.

During the license request review, we also consider human rights. The government of Prime Minister Ecevit has made significant progress in this regard over the past year. The Ecevit administration, working with the National Assembly, has removed military judges from state security courts, cracked down on torture and other illegal activity among security forces, and enacted laws designed to strengthen protection for parties that express what some in Turkey see as unorthodox views. Violence and PKK terrorism in southeastern Turkey has abated.

Reflecting the new situation in the region, Foreign Minister Cem recently suggested publicly that ethnic Kurds be allowed to write, broadcast, and study in their mother tongue. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, a widely respected reformist and former Chief of the Turkish Constitutional Court, was inaugurated as Turkey's President on May 16, and has reiterated calls for democratic reform and commitment to the rule of law at home and abroad.

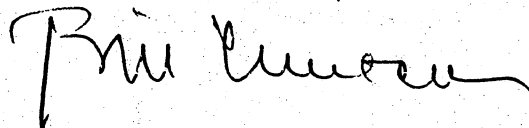
The Ecevit government is also achieving economic progress with far-reaching reforms on pensions and international arbitration. Prime Minister Ecevit has ushered in much-needed fiscal discipline, which is bringing down inflation and preparing the groundwork for sustained growth in Turkey.

Such initiatives influenced the EU's decision to grant candidate status to Turkey last December in Helsinki, a development strongly supported -- indeed, made possible -- by the Government of Greece. As part of its progress toward EU accession, Turkey agreed in Helsinki to work to resolve bilateral disputes in the Aegean.

Regarding Cyprus, I am determined to do everything I can to promote a comprehensive, just, and final resolution to the dispute on the island. I am hopeful that the ongoing talks between the parties will prepare the way for progress. The very fact that the talks reconvened last December after a stalemate of more than two years suggests that there is some new thinking among Greek and Turkish Cypriots, and in Athens and Ankara as well.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Clinton".

The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515