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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 10, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CPT*

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DB*

SUBJECT: Request by Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken, Haluk
to call on the President

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I see now how the Turks won at Gallipoli -- they never give up. Minister Bayulken met with the Vice President yesterday. It was a an excellent meeting, cordial, and Bayulken got all his points across. He would also like to pay a short call on the President, in order to deliver a personal message from the Turkish head of state, General Evren. I attempted to have the letter delivered to the Vice President instead, but was unsuccessful. Bayulken will be in town until next Wednesday, June 17. (c)

Defense supports the request, as shown by the memo from Secretary Weinberger at Tab A, which you have already seen. State does not support the meeting, as they have indicated in the memo at Tab B. (C)

I recommend against the meeting: the President has met with no allied defense ministers, and we do not need to start with Turkey. Turkish feathers are presently ruffled because of the cancellation of performances of their dance troupe in California last week. Janet Colson and I are working on some other measures to smooth these feathers. I do not think we need to involve the President. (c)

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize me to inform the Turks that the President will not be able to receive Minister Bayulken.

Approve

Disapprove

Tab A Defense memo
Tab B State memo

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Sec. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House, 9/11/2008
BY NARA *db* DATE 9/14/11

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Review on June 10, 1987

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O'Brien
Blair will prepare
new message
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Janet —

Note that
 we need to
 notify the VP
 of the Pres's
 decision by
 9:00 or so
 tomorrow *← Tuesday*

— Dennis



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

8 JUN 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Visit of Turkish Minister of Defense

Turkish Minister of Defense Bayulken is visiting the United States the week of 8 June as my guest. My staff has been told informally by the Turkish Embassy that he will carry a message to you from General Evren, Head of State. In any case, because of the many defense interests we have in Turkey and our desire to gain increased cooperation from Turkey for our Southwest Asia strategy, I believe it would be helpful to our security interests if you would agree to have Bayulken pay a very brief courtesy call on you.

If you agree, we will work out the timing with your staff. A call on the Vice President is also under consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Edgar Hoover", written in a cursive style.

P.S. Attached is a message I have just received from the Turkish MOD. He will only be here for two days.

Copy to:

Secretary of State

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. BIALEK *DB*

SUBJECT: Request by Secretary Weinberger that the President Receive Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken

The Turks have been attempting through several channels to get Bayulken in to see the President. He will be meeting with the Vice President tomorrow, but they are still trying.

The attached memo (Tab A) from Weinberger to the President is the latest attempt: Weinberger is passing on Bayulken's request that the President receive Bayulken for the delivery of a personal message from General Evren.

The memo from you to the President (Tab I) recommends that the Vice President accept the letter from Evren on the President's behalf.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

cc: Tyson

Tab I Memo to the President
A - Sec. Weinberger memo

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Memorandum from Secretary Weinberger Requesting
that you Receive Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken

Cap Weinberger has sent you the attached memo recommending that you receive a short courtesy call from visiting Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken this week. Cap says that Bayulken has a message for you from the Turkish Head of State, General Evren.

The Vice President will be meeting with Bayulken Tuesday morning, June 9. I recommend that you authorize the Vice President to receive the letter on your behalf during this meeting. I see no justification at this late date for you to squeeze the defense minister on your calendar. Our relations with Turkey are in good order, and the meeting with the Vice President shows clearly the high level of importance we attach to those relations.

RECOMMENDATION

That you have the Vice President receive the letter from General Evren on your behalf.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

cc: Vice President
Edwin Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 8, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CP*

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*

SUBJECT: Visit of Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken (U)

State Department has sent over the attached memo, relaying the Turks' request that the President receive Defense Minister Bayulken this week, and recommending against it. I agree that with the Vice President receiving Bayulken, there is no justification for a meeting with the President. *(U)*

No further action is required on this request. State will tell the Turks that the President will not be able to receive Bayulken, unless they hear from us differently. *(U)*

RECOMMENDATION:

That you take no action on this memo, since there is no justification for the President receiving Minister Bayulken. (U)

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

cc: Jim Lilley
 Geoff Kemp *OK*

Tab A State Department Memo

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 Sec 3.4(f), E.O. 12958, as amended
 White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2008
 BY NARA *dl* DATE 9/14/10

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Review on June 8, 1987

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Ü. HALUK BAYÜLKEN
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Washington, D.C. June 8, 1981

Ankara,

Dear Mr. Secretary and Friend,

Your kind letter was relayed to me at the airport by General Bowman. I and my wife, we thank you and Mrs. Weinberger both for your kind words of welcome and for allocating a military aircraft to bring us from New York to Washington, D.C. It facilitated our trip.

I am equally looking forward to our discussions on June 10th. I firmly believe that though completely unshakable, the foundations of Turkish-American friendship will benefit by our frank exchange of views on matters of common interest.

I have brought a message from Head of State General Kenan Evren to President Reagan which I would like to deliver personally and present explanations about it. Ambassador Elekdag has already spoken on this subject both to the White House officials and to Deputy Secretary Carlucci.

The Honorable
Caspar Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.



Ü. HALÜK BAYÜLKEN
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Ankara,

I would hope that you would also speak to the
White House on this matter.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 10th.

*With my best wishes and
warmest regards,
Sincerely,*

U. Haluk Bayülken
U. Halük Bayülken
Minister of National
Defense



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken

GOT Defense Minister Bayulken will be in Washington next week as the guest of Secretary Weinberger. Bayulken arrives on June 7. He has appointments in the Pentagon on June 10; on Capitol Hill, on June 11; and in the Department of State, on June 12. By means of a Bremer-Allen memorandum dated May 22, the Department recommended that the Vice President receive Bayulken.

The Turkish Embassy has recently expressed strong interest in having Bayulken call on the President as well. The Turks argue that they had a "slot" on the President's calendar when Foreign Minister Turkmen visited Washington in early April, and that Bayulken should make up the time that Turkmen lost. To be sure, Bayulken is an able and articulate representative of his Government. However, the Department does not wish to recommend an appointment with the President, given the constraints on the White House schedule and the strong likelihood that the Vice President will see Bayulken.

Subject to contrary guidance from the White House, the Department plans to inform the Turkish Embassy next Tuesday that it will not be possible for the President to receive Bayulken.

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Dept. of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
BY dlb NARA, DATE 9/14/10

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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TO ALLEN

FROM BREMER

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KEYWORDS: TURKEY

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPT BY BAYULKEN FOR MTG W/ PRES

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

DUE: 08 JUN 81 STATUS S FILES

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	- 6/8	Recd Defense recom		GK, CT, LZ, JC
Rentschler	S 6/8	Prepare memo for Allen	6/8	
Alson	X 6/9	Hand to Pres for signature		
	- 6/10	OBE per Colson		
RVA	X 6/10	add-on / for decision		
	- 6/11	OBE per Colson		
	6/15	Allen approved recom		CT
DB	S 6/15	Memo sent to Bremer	6/16	
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WHILE EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES TO TURKEY IN THE FORM OF CREDITS WOULD BE CONTINUED UNDER THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS IN THE LIGHT OF OUR PRESENT REQUIREMENTS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT MIGHT ARISE DUE TO THE INCREASING THREAT AND THAT A PART OF THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE CONVERTED TO GRANT AID, I SHOULD LIKE TO REITERATE OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION WILL SPARE NO EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS THE CONGRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THIS RESPECT.

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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 7/7/91 (GOMPERT, DAVID)

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR.PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

TAGS: PPDC, TU, US

(SIGNED) GENERAL KENAN EVREN, HEAD OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

SUBJ: LETTER FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM HEAD OF STATE EVREN

END TEXT

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3. A RESPONSE IS IN PROCESS.

2. THE FOLLOWING LETTER FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM GENERAL EVREN WAS SENT TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WEINBERGER BY -- MINISTER OF DEFENSE BAYULKEN AFTER BAYULKEN'S RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

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BEGIN TEXT

ANKARA, 5 JUNE 1981

MR. PRESIDENT,

I CONSIDER THE VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY OF OUR DEFENSE MINISTER A VERY SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION TO OBSERVE THE DETERMINATION YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION ARE DISPLAYING TO BRING ABOUT A MORE PRODUCTIVE AND CLOSER RELATIONSHIP TO OUR ALREADY DEEP ROOTED TIES, AND TO POINT OUT THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING YOUR EFFORTS TO THIS EFFECT WITH INTEREST AND APPRECIATION.

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Authority NSC/state workers
BY aw NARA DATE 11/18/2022

I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE OUR CONVICTION THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD CONSTITUTE A FINE EXAMPLE OF HOW BEST TO ENSURE COLLECTIVE SECURITY THROUGH MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY AMONG TWO NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THIS COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WHICH CAN BE CONCRETELY DEMONSTRATED WITHIN THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE DEFENCE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DECA), SIGNED IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, WILL CARRY A GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR NATO AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE SOUTHERN FLANK.

IT IS BEYOND DOUBT THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE, A POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY STRONG AND HEALTHY TURKEY WILL PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT IN THE REGION AGAINST THE INCREASING COMMON THREAT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CURRENT POLITICAL STABILITY AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKEY AS WELL AS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN HER IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS ARE NOT ONLY BEING FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST BY A GREAT NUMBER OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES, BUT ARE ALSO CONSIDERED WITH SATISFACTION BY WESTERN-ORIENTED ONES AS A FAVOURABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY.

IT WILL BE APPRECIATED THAT THE REINFORCEMENT OF TURKEY

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Name of Correspondent: Turkish Embassy

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Subject: Unopened

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- A - Appropriate Action
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- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
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Turkish Embassy
Washington, D.C.

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The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President of the United
States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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February 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Senate Resolution 320 Concerning
Assassinated Turkish Consul
General Arikan

The Secretary of State is requested to transmit the attached Senate Resolution condemning the slaying of Consul General Arikan to the Government of Turkey.

Michael O. Wheeler

Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

Attachment
As stated

NSC 8200915

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

February 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

FROM: DENNIS *DB* BLAIR

SUBJECT: Senate Resolution 320 Concerning
Assassinated Turkish Consul
General Arikan

Attached for your signature is a routine memorandum transmitting a Senate Resolution to State for them to deliver to the government of Turkey.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I forwarding the Resolution to State Department.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to L. Paul Bremer

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 2/12/82

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

SUBJECT: SENATE RESOLUTION 320

Government of Turkey Act of Terrorism

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*Death of Kemal Arinkan in
Los Angeles*

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
and
Deputy to the Chief of Staff
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TO CLARK

FROM DARMAN, R

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HILDENBRAND, WILLIAM

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KEYWORDS: TURKEY

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SUBJECT: SR-320 RE SHOOTING DEATH OF ARIKAN

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO CLARK TO DARMAN DUE: 16 FEB 82 STATUS S FILES

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WILLIAM F. HILDENBRAND
SECRETARY

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 12, 1982

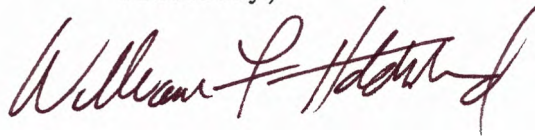
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Resolution 320 which was agreed to on February 11, 1982.

As you note, Sec. 2 states: "The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President with the request that he transmit such copy to the Government of Turkey."

Sincerely,



In the Senate of the United States

February 11, 1982

Whereas Kemal Arikan, the consul general for the mission of the Government of Turkey in Los Angeles, was shot to death on January 28, 1982, in Los Angeles;

Whereas acts of terrorism daily cause suffering and death in the world;

Whereas the gravity of attacks against representatives of foreign governments and the universal abhorrence of such attacks has been expressed repeatedly by the international community; and

Whereas free people should condemn such brutality wherever it appears and should take all lawful steps to prevent it and to bring to justice those who commit such acts of terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate hereby—

(1) condemns in the strongest terms the vicious and brutal act of assassination of Kemal Arikan, a consul general of the Government of Turkey and a guest of the United States, on January 28, 1982, in Los Angeles;

(2) expresses its deepest sympathy with the family of Kemal Arikan and with the Government of Turkey and the people of Turkey in their time of sorrow; and

(3) calls upon Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities of the United States to conduct, to the maximum extent practicable, an unceasing investigation of this case, to engage in the prosecution of the offenders to the maximum extent that the law permits, and to take appropriate steps to deter future attacks.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President with the request that he transmit such copy to the Government of Turkey.

Attest:



William L. Holland
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. James W. Nance
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE: Forwards letter

TO: President FROM: General ^{Kenan} Evren, President, Turkey

DATE: October 15, 1981 SUBJECT: Assassination of
President Sadat

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: _____ NSC# _____
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- Other..

REMARKS: This is acknowledgement of letter to General Evren from President Reagan, dated October 7, 1981. No new issues are raised.

Mary M. DeGuzman for
L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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Washington, D.C. 20520

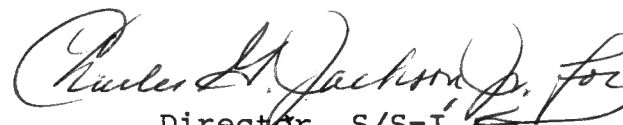
December 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ALLEN LENZ
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from President Evren of Turkey which is transmitted for your information.

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LS NO. 104562
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Kenan Evren
General
President of the State

Ankara, October 15, 1981

Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of October 7, 1981, on the occasion of President Sadat's assassination. We also reacted with indignation to the news of this sad event.

We share your impression that a smooth transition is taking place in Egypt. Undoubtedly, the stability of Egypt and the continuation of its close ties with the United States and other Western nations are of great importance. We also have expressed the view that President Sadat's policies will probably continue.

Nevertheless, it is possible that President Sadat's death may, in the long run, lead to some changes. It does not necessarily follow, however, that these changes would be contrary to our hope of finding a peaceful solution in the vitally important Middle East, ensuring stability, and preventing further extensions of Soviet interference and influence in that area. We are always prepared to exchange views with your Government on these matters.

Respectfully,

[s] Kenan Evren

His Excellency
Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America



Kenan Evren

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Sayın Başkan Reagan,

Başkan Sadat'ın bir suikast sonucu hayatını kaybetmesi vesilesiyle göndermiş olduğunuz 7 Ekim 1981 tarihli mektubunuza teşekkür ederim.

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Bununla beraber, Başkan Sadat'ın ölümünün uzun vadede bazı değişikliğe yol açması ihtimal dahilindedir. Ancak bu değişikliklerin, hayatı önem taşıyan Orta Doğu bölgesinde barışçı bir çözüm bulunması, istikrarın sağlanması ve daha geniş çapta bir Sovyet müdahale ve nüfuzunun önüne geçilmesi yolundaki ümitlerimizle ters düşmesi şart değildir. Bu konularda Hükümetinizle görüş teatisinde bulunmaya her zaman hazırız.

Ekselans Ronald REAGAN
Amerika Birleşik Devletleri Başkanı

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES W. NANCE *BW*

SUBJECT:

Letter to Turkish Head of State Evren

Al Haig is departing this afternoon to attend the North Atlantic Council Meeting of Foreign Ministers, and to visit a number of other countries, including Turkey.

Attached for your signature (Tab A) is a letter for Al to present to General Evren, the Turkish head of state, when he meets with him next week. The letter reemphasizes the importance of Turkish-American relations, and endorses Turkey's return to democracy.

Speechwriters have reviewed the text.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to General Evren at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Tab A Letter to General Evren

Tab B Letter from Secretary Haig

cc: Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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WASHINGTON

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March 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR BUD McFARLANE

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke *NBD*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Turkish
Minister of National Defense

The Vice President will meet with Haluk Bayulken, Turkish Minister of National Defense on Friday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. for 30 minutes in his White House West Wing office. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business, Wednesday, March 24 (to include input from the Department of Defense).

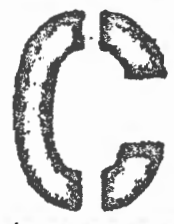
Thank you.

Cy to: Mike Wheeler

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Name of Correspondent: Nicholas Royce

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Subject: Forwards copy of his previous mailgram urging that we protect the Turkish government's treatment of the Eastern Orthodox minority.

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Date January 19, 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Mr. Michael Deaver From: Nicholas Royce

Date: Nov 5, Dec. 10, 1983 Subject: Follow up letters on mailgram to President re Orthodox community in Istanbul.

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_____ The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

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Correspondence returned

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 17, 1983

Mr. Nicholas Royce
1924 North Argyle Avenue
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Royce:

I have been asked by the White House to write to you with regard to your most recent communications to the President and Mr. Deaver on the status of the Orthodox community in Istanbul. I regret that my earlier letter did not fully satisfy your concerns in this area.

The Department of State maintains contact with representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States, and officers of our Consulate General in Istanbul are in regular touch with the Patriarchate there. I believe that we have a realistic and fair understanding of the situation of the Orthodox minority in Turkey. While there are a number of disputes between the Orthodox community and the Turkish government, some of them serious, they are not of the grave, life-endangering nature indicated in your letter.

Nor is this view unique to the State Department. In October 1982, two members of the staff of the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe visited Turkey to look into and report on the human rights situation there. While the Department does not endorse all of the analyses, conclusions and recommendations of that report, the conclusions the staff members reached on the status of minorities in Turkey are interesting and certainly relevant to your concerns. A copy of that section of the report is enclosed for your information. I am certain you can obtain a full copy of the report, should you desire, from the Commission at the address indicated.

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If you have any further questions on this subject, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dirk Gleysteen
Director
Office of Southern
European Affairs

Enclosure:

Report

COMMISSION ON
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

STAFF REPORT
ON THE
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN TURKEY

Based on research and staff trip to Turkey by Commission Staff
Director R. Spencer Oliver and Senior Staff Consultant Martin
Sletzinger

October, 1982

The staff delegation was also informed that lawyers defending former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit have encountered difficulties in adequately representing their client. While not personally subjected to any pressures, the psychological constraints on them are said to be enormous. In the most recent trial of Ecevit, they reportedly prepared and submitted a 40-page defense brief, only to have the court deliver its decision three minutes later, having given scant, if any, regard to the arguments of the defense. His lawyers may visit Ecevit in prison once a week for about an hour, but only in the presence of an official prosecutor.

Another problem is that since February, 1982, sentences of under six months cannot be subject to appeal. Also, there is currently a 45-day period of detention after arrest (originally 90 days, but reduced to 45 in September, 1981) during which people can be held without charges and denied access to their lawyers.

Rights of Religious and Ethnic Minorities

The staff delegation met with representatives of the Greek, Armenian and Jewish minorities in Istanbul. On the whole, it gained the impression that the rights and interests of these minorities were being respected by the Turkish authorities and that, if anything, the situation might have improved slightly since the imposition of martial law. The Greek and Jewish representatives emphasized that they felt more secure under martial law than they had before. The Greek representatives stressed that the Greek community in Istanbul and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, contrary to allegations made in the World Council of Churches' recent report (June, 1982), had no concrete problems. Certain minor administrative and financial problems still remain, particularly involving permission for church restoration, but these were expected to be resolved in due course.

Representatives of all the religious groups maintained that their communities enjoyed full freedom to practice their religion. The Greeks and the Jews stressed there was no official discrimination against them, with representatives of the Jewish community emphasizing that they enjoyed full human rights. These Jewish leaders insisted that contrary to press reports in the U.S. and Western Europe, no pressure had been brought to bear on the Jewish community as a result of the recent genocide seminar held in Israel. Papers by Armenian scholars had been submitted to this seminar, equating Turkish actions against Armenians in 1915 with genocide.

Reports sent to the Commission by various groups on the situation of the Armenian minority in Turkey painted a very bleak picture of the problems encountered by Armenians in general and the Armenian Church in particular. The staff delegation received mixed impressions of the problems of the Armenians from its visit to Turkey. It appears that the Armenians have no difficulty in

conducting their own religion or in pursuing their daily lives. The Armenians, like the Jews, have been very successful in the Turkish business community and live, on the whole, quite comfortably. Their primary problems continue to be communal and educational and have existed long before the imposition of martial law in September, 1980.

The assassination of numerous Turkish diplomats by Armenian terrorist groups has caused some difficulties for the small Armenian minority in Turkey, despite every effort of Turkish Armenians to disassociate themselves from these acts of terrorism. Historical enmity between the Armenians and the Turks has resulted in several discriminatory actions by the Turkish authorities against Armenians. The authorities attempt to discourage Armenian parents from sending children to Armenian schools and continue to exert pressure on the few remaining Armenian schools in existence. Government policy appears to be aimed at limiting the number of effective teachers of Armenian with the result that there are already shortages of young, well-trained teachers of Armenian. In a few years it is feared, older teachers will retire and there won't be enough younger ones to replace them. In a related problem, the staff delegation learned that the authorities are now taking children out of Armenian schools, claiming that they are not really Armenians. Church documents and even birth certificates proving Armenian heritage have not been sufficient proof for the authorities. A final problem has been the insistence of the authorities that they have final approval over the appointment of administrators of Armenian churches. The Armenian Church hierarchy elected its own church administrators in May, 1982 and as of September, none had yet been approved by the Turkish authorities.

One pressing problem with explosive long-term implications for the Turkish authorities is the status of the sizable Kurdish minority in Eastern Turkey. The Turkish government has refused, long before the martial law generals took over, to acknowledge the existence of the Kurds as a separate ethnic group. No public reference to the Kurds as a group has been permitted and the teaching of their language and culture has been banned. In several of its discussions, including those with private individuals, the staff delegation was told that all recent Turkish governments have viewed the Kurdish problem as a cultural and administrative problem, not an ethnic or political one. It was pointed out that Kurds are becoming assimilated into Turkish society and marrying into Turkish families. They have been migrating to the larger urban centers, especially Ankara and Istanbul. Nevertheless, they are still heavily concentrated in the Eastern part of Turkey which is still very poor and backward, and this geographic, economic and ethnic separation from the mainstream of Turkish life still leads to problems and will create further problems in the future.

December 21, 1982

Dear Mr. Royce:

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your letter of November 5, 1982, which has been brought to my attention by Michael Deaver.

The President is committed to strengthening respect for human rights in every part of the world. The Department of State regularly monitors the human rights situation around the globe and, where appropriate, uses the techniques of diplomacy to remedy abuses. We will continue to do so with respect to Orthodox Christians and any other religious group which may suffer persecution.

In order to bring your concerns to the attention of those who advise the President on this issue, I am forwarding your letter to the Department of State for further review. President Reagan appreciates your keeping him informed on the situation of your fellow Orthodox Christians.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Nicholas Royce
1924 North Argyle Avenue
Hollywood, California 90028

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cc: Michael Deaver

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Dear Mr. Royce:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ann Higgins

Please check to see if
Mr. Royce was
assumed - If not -

Please respond and
furnish Mr. Deaver w/ copy
of ltr.

Thanks

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NICHOLAS ROYCE
1924 NORTH ARGYLE AVENUE
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90028


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Dear Mr. Deaver:

December 10, 1982

I would appreciate a reply to my letter dated November 5, 1982.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Royce

Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

NICHOLAS ROYCE
1924 NORTH ARGYLE AVENUE
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90028

Dear Mr. Deaver:

November 5, 1982

In May, I wired a mailgram to President Reagan relative to the continuous genocide at the world center of Eastern Orthodoxy, Istanbul, Turkey. I have received a reply from the State Department that is not sufficient. ~~I appeal to you Mr. Deaver, and your good office, to present the attached to the President for a personal reply.~~


We must recognize that when any fellow human being is tortured or defiled or victimized by prejudice or terrorism or racism that all human beings are victims too.

I am cognizant that President Reagan has a very busy schedule. I appeal to you and the President, to take a few minutes of your time to read the attached material which is self-explanatory and become aware of my personal views as well as other Americans of the never ending persecution of Eastern Orthodox minority in Turkey.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT. WON'T YOU HELP????

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Royce

Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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NICHOLAS ROYCE
1924 NORTH ARGYLE AVE
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

AS AN AMERICAN AND A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR EQUAL STATUS OF EASTERN
ORTHODOXY IN THE UNITED STATES, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST, AS A
PROPONENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN
THE FORM OF A STRONG PROTEST TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DENOUNCING THE NEVER ENDING PERSECUTION OF
EASTERN ORTHODOX MINORITY AND THE CRIPPLING RESTRAINTS IMPOSED UPON
THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE (WHAT THE VATICAN IS TO THE ROMAN
CATHOLICS - THE PATRIARCHATE IS TO THE EASTERN ORTHODOX) TO FAIL ITS
HOLY MISSION IN PEACE AND WITHOUT CONSTANT INTERFERENCE ON A
PERMANENT BASIS ACCORDED TO IT BY LAW, THE DENIAL FOR THE RESTORATION
OF ST SOPHIA CATHEDRAL IN ISTANBUL AS A VIABLE HOUSE OF WORSHIP THEN
BEING REDUCED TO A MERE MUSEUM AS IT IS PRESENTLY -- IS LIVING PROOF
OF TURKISH INTOLERANCE FOR FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGIOUS
EXPRESSION FOR ALL. IS A "DISTORTION A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT". A
STATEMENT OF THIS NATURE COMING FROM YOU "MR PRESIDENT" WOULD NOT
ONLY SEIZE THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE 250 MILLION ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BUT WOULD APPEAL TO WORLD PUBLIC
OPINION TO EXERT PRESSURE UPON TURKEY TO CEASE TO EXTERMINATE THE
REMAINING EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN TURKEY AND RETURNING ST.
SOPHIA CATHEDRAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW -- TO IMPROVE
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IT MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT
CONTINUE TO VIOLATE "HUMAN RIGHTS." WITHOUT CONCRETE ACTION YOUR
WORDS WILL BE HOLLOW.

SINCERELY,
NICHOLAS ROYCE

21:40 EST

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Activist raps Turk 'persecution'

DAILY NEWS/Saturday, August 21, 1982—Sec. 2—Pg. 4

By DAVID FOX

Daily News Religion Editor

Despite its pronouncements to the contrary, the Turkish government routinely denies religious freedoms, a local Greek-Orthodox church activist says.

Nicholas J. Royce of Hollywood recently wrote to the U.S. Department of Defense and President Reagan, blasting Turkey for "violations of basic human rights."

Among the violations, he said, is Turkish resistance to restoring St. Sophia Cathedral in Istanbul into a "viable house of worship."

Royce said the cathedral is to the 250 million members of the Greek Orthodox faith what the Vatican is to Catholics.

The cathedral is now nothing more than a museum, Royce charged, with the Turkish government refusing to allow church members to use it on a regular basis.

Royce said the government's denial of permission to restore the cathedral "is living proof of Turkish intolerance and disrespect for freedom of conscience and religious freedom and distortion of human rights."

Officials at the Turkish Consulate office in Beverly Hills denied the charges of religious persecution.

"The question of the cathedral was settled 60 years ago," Ahmed N. Altman, vice counsel, said.

A: Well, Orthodox Christians have remained firm to the teachings of the early church. We would die before we would move. By moving, we would lose our complete history. Our church would be meaningless.

Since the year 1453, 65 patriarchs were removed by deposition, 21 were forced to resign, two murdered, one beheaded, one blinded, one drowned, one hanged and one strangled. This is a total of 93. So only 15 patriarchs closed their term of office by natural death. This is because they have been defenders of the faith. If you look throughout history, many of our people have died for their faith.

But a lot of Turkish kids of the Orthodox faith are leaving Turkey, probably because they think there is no future there for them.

Q: Where are they going?

A: Many times they'll come over to the United States — to any free country, some go to Greece. Let's hope that they come back.

Q: What, specifically, should be done?

A: I think the United States should change its foreign policy. The Christian minority in Turkey is to be protected under the Treaty of Lausanne of 1923. However, the prerogatives to which they are entitled under this treaty — especially in the fields of religion, education and public office — are very often not applied.

The government of Turkey is to be made aware of its responsibility to guarantee and ensure protection of human rights of its Christian citizens. For this purpose, the member states of NATO and international bodies should take the necessary steps. It is our hope that the Congress in the United States will take the leadership in marshaling world opinion — and apply pressure on Turkey to respect not only her international treaty of obligation, but also basic human decency to her long-oppressed Christian citizens.

It's time for our country to take action on this matter. I see no reason why we should not continue to have good relations with the Turkish government, while at the same time pressing strongly for getting a greater toleration of minorities.

Section B/Page 8
Los Angeles Herald Examiner
Saturday
October 9, 1982



"I think (Turkey) would like to see the complete extermination of the Christian population."

Nicholas Royce
Orthodox Christian

can't pressure Turkey on human rights. It's a tremendous persecution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate — the head of the Eastern Orthodox church, spiritual leader of some 250 million Orthodox Christians of the world. The patriarch is equal to what the pope of Rome is to the Catholics. And he's under house arrest. The Orthodox Church is the most persecuted religion, maybe with the exception of the Jewish faith.

Q: Why is Turkey doing this to the Orthodox Church?

A: I think it would like to see the complete extermination of the Christian population in Turkey.

The Greek population in Turkey has dwindled down to 10,000, with 5,000 living in Istanbul. Turkey should realize that Greeks, as well as the minority groups of the Armenians and Syrians, are Turks first.

Turkey also denies the minority Christians the political rights of participation. A Christian is not in their government — even though it's a secular country, it's strictly a Moslem government. Minority groups in Turkey are second-class citizens.

Q: Why not move the patriarchate to another city outside Turkey — and have the other Orthodox Christians follow?

Q&A

Why this man is fighting for rights of Turkey's Christians

Nicholas Royce, an Orthodox layman, has been an advocate for the Eastern Orthodox church in this country for over two decades. As a one-man publicity bureau for the Orthodox Christian faith, he has sent letters and telegrams to the highest political offices in this country as well as to the United Nations in order to alert them to — what he claims — are human rights violations in Turkey. Royce was interviewed by Herald Examiner staff writer Geoff Harris.

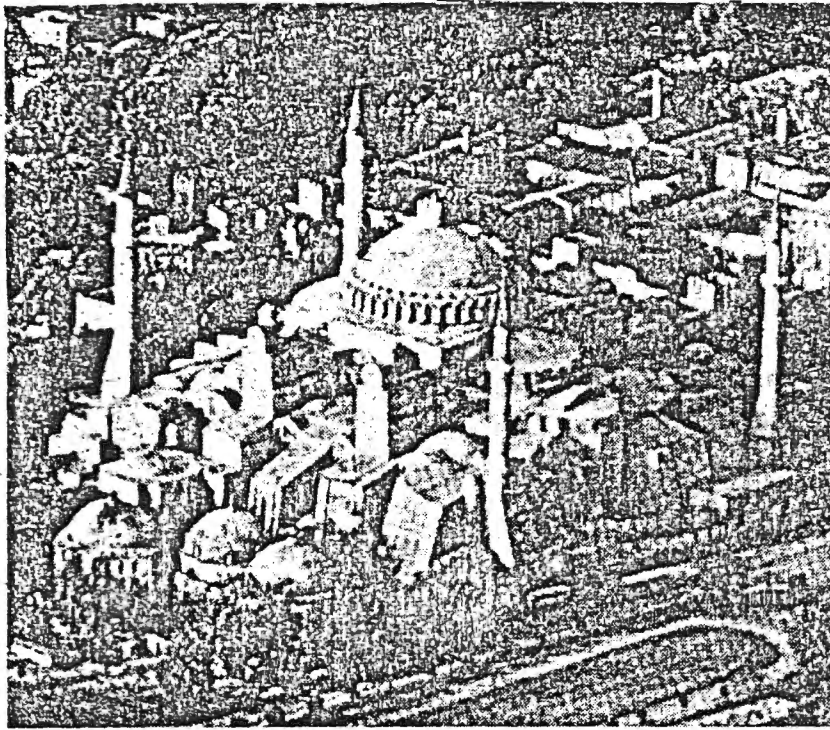
Question: What are some of the restrictions the Turkish government places on the Orthodox Christian minority today?

Royce: They're forbidden to enter certain professions and are refused some banking and credit privileges. Their taxes are calculated at much higher rates than the taxes of other Turkish citizens. Contracts involving transfer of real estate property belonging to Greek Orthodoxes are no longer recorded in the Land Registry Department, thus jeopardizing ownership of property. Leading Greek Orthodox businessmen in companies with Greek capital are removed from their positions and banished from the country.

Q: Do you consider Turkey to be one of the most repressive countries in regard to religious freedom?

A: Definitely. The sad thing is that President Reagan, the State Department and the diplomatic representative in Turkey have refused to report violations of basic human rights there for fear of antagonizing Turkey — giving political expediencies priority over morality and human decency.

I can't see any reason why the State Department



St. Sophia's Cathedral In Constantinople

Protest Lodged With U.N. For Return Of St. Sophia's

HOLLYWOOD, Ca. - A strong protest to the U.N. over the return of St. Sophia Cathedral in Istanbul as a viable house of worship for some 250 million Eastern Orthodox Christians has been launched by Nicholas Royce, an advocate for increased recognition of Eastern Orthodoxy in this country.

Text Of Appeal To U.N.

Royce sent a telegram directly to the Honorable Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General to the United Nations. It read: "As an American and a leading advocate for the equal status of Eastern Orthodoxy in the United States, I respectfully request that you and the entire U.N., proponents of

human rights, seriously consider a public statement in the form of a strong protest and investigation of the Turkish government relative to human rights violations as indicated in my telegram to Premier Bulent Ecevit of Turkey:

Telegram To Ecevit

'As an American I most regretfully denounced the conecution of the Eastern Orthodox christian minority and the crippling restraints imposed upon the patriarchate by the Turkish government. I respectfully request that you use your influence to remove these restrictions and make it possible for the

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St. Sophia's

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Ecumenical Patriachate to fulfill its holy mission in peace and without constant interference on a permanent basis accorded to it by the law.

"The denial for the restoration of St. Sophia Cathedral in Istanbul as it is presently, is living proof of Turkish intolerance and disrespect for freedom of conscience and "distortion of basic human rights".

'In your hands is the fate of the Eastern Orthodox Christian minority. Whether humanism will exist in Turkey, or disappear depends on you and your government. In the name of freedom of religious expression for all, I shall eagerly wait for your reply.'

Asks Statement of Waldheim

"A statement coming from you and the entire United Nations, Honorable Kurt Waldheim, would not only seize the immediate attention of the 250 million Orthodox Christians throughout the world but would appeal to world public opinion to exert immediate pressure upon Turkey to cease to exterminate the remaining Eastern Orthodox Christians living there, and return St. Sophia Cathedral in accordance with international law."

Royce noted that St. Sophia Cathedral was reduced to a mere museum about 1932, in spite of the fact that it is the largest Orthodox Christian Church ever constructed in the world. Prior to that time, it had been a Moslem mosque since the fall of Constantinople (Istanbul) to the Turks in 1453.

Life Difficult for Greeks in Turkey

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Greeks were forced to leave the nation, and in 1971 the last Orthodox seminary was closed in Khalki. Much of the problem stems from the ebb and flow of political relations between Greece and Turkey as well as the events in Cyprus.

The negative atmosphere surrounding the life of the Greeks in Turkey carries over into the life of the Church as well, and it is here that Nicholas Royce has been attempting to rally the support of Americans. His campaign has not been easy, due to the relative lack of enthusiasm on the part of Greek Orthodox Americans in general and of government officials in particular. Royce has been attempting to create an awareness in Washington about the plight of the Greek Orthodox in Turkey that would equal the concern shown for Soviet Jews.

In addressing Jimmy Carter, Royce asked that the President "concern himself with other civil leaders and demand the discontinuance of persecution of the Eastern Orthodox minority and the crippling restraints imposed upon the Patriarchate [of Constantinople] by the Turkish government." Royce received a reply from C. Edward Dillery, Acting Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs at the State Department, pointing out the fact that our government is watching the situation carefully.

A second telegram was sent to Carter stating that merely watching the Turks today is little different than watching the slaughter of millions of Armenian Orthodox in the early part of this century. This time Royce received an answer from Hodding Carter III, the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the State Department, who thanked Royce for his "letter" on the proposed Turkish arms embargo! (Well, sometimes government misses the point.)

For those who have not met Mr. Royce he can best be described as a tireless crusader for Eastern Orthodoxy. Among his credits are the inclusion of Orthodoxy as a recognized major faith by the media, the addition of Orthodox clergy at federal, state, county and city functions, and the acceptance of the Braille Institute to print the Orthodox liturgy for the blind. Hodding Carter was not about to slough off the Orthodox ombudsman. A stinging reply was fired off to the Assistant Secretary demanding that he at least read his mail before he answers it. However, the next response came from a lower level bureau-

crat apologizing for mishandling the correspondence.

It is inconceivable that the correspondence of advocates of other persecuted foreign minorities would be handled in such a manner, but the American Greek Orthodox community remains placid. Only the bishops of the Orthodox Church and a few individuals like Royce seem alarmed that the Patriarch of Constantinople is in danger of losing his historic see. According to the Treaty of Lausanne, when the Orthodox population of Turkey dips below a set number the Patriarch can be asked to leave the country permanently.

Orthodoxy long ago lost its main cathedral, St. Sophia, which is a larger building than even St. Peter's Basilica—it was turned first into a mosque and then a museum. In an interview Royce said, "If St. Peter's were made a museum would the Roman Catholics remain as silent as the Orthodox?"

The captivity of St. Sophia, according to Royce, is "living proof of Turkish intolerance and disrespect for freedom of conscience and distortion of basic human rights." He sees the return of the ancient cathedral for the purpose of once again being a viable house of worship as a logical and necessary step to safeguard the religious rights of the Greeks in Turkey.

In general, Eastern Christians are not prone to political demonstrations or social agitation

—which often places them in more difficult circumstances than others who protest their plight.

In typical Orthodox fashion, the Greek Orthodox Synod of Bishops meeting in New York called for a day of Prayer on April 27 "in behalf of our oppressed Mother Church and our suffering brothers and sisters in Turkey."

Interestingly, the synod also decided that "each diocese must establish a Human Rights Committee to monitor and protect the basic human rights of all persons wherever and whenever these are threatened." In this case, there is much to protect, including the 1979 cataloging of all sacred vessels and vestments in the possession of the Patriarchate as being "Treasures of the Nation" of Turkey. One reason for the cataloging is to ascertain the value of the holy objects so they can be sold to meet a new tax on the Church.

When the Patriarch appealed the government's abrogation of title to five Orthodox Churches, he was not even given the basic Turkish right of legal representation to support his position in court. Such harassment is totally unknown in the West, and unless it can be stopped by a unified voice of Christians the world will witness the strangulation of the Greek Patriarchate in its historic see.

(Fr. Wojcik, an Orthodox priest, is first vice president of the Right to Life League of Southern California.)



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Persecution Squeezes

Greeks in Turkey

By Very Rev.

Thaddeus P. Wojcik

A Register Special Report

LOS ANGELES—A candidly outspoken crusader for Eastern Orthodox Christians, Nicholas Royce, has added the defense of the Greek minority in Turkey to his list of priorities. The position of the Greek Christians in Turkey was never safe under the Ottoman Turks, nor has their situation improved since safeguards were written into the Treaty of Lausanne following World War I. Recently, the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA) reviewed the increasing persecution of Christians in Turkey with alarm.

According to the Lausanne Treaty of 1923, the government of

Turkey is required to protect the rights of minorities in the areas of education, religion and personal liberty. At the time of the signing of the treaty there were about 100,000 Greeks residing in Istanbul, but today there are fewer than 10,000 Greeks in the city. This number is reduced by about 500 a year due to emigration and deaths, and we will see a total removal of the Greek population within the next two decades unless some major event stops the exodus.

In order to remain in the environment of Istanbul, a Christian must have the patience of Job and the stamina of Paul because the harassment is continuous. In 1955 there were bloody anti-Greek riots in Turkey; in 1964, 12,000

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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WHITE HOUSE
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For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Nicholas Royce

Date: Aug. 13, 1982 Subject: Sec. Haig Failure to

Call on Patriarch in Istanbul

WB Referral Dated: Aug. 31, 1982 NSC ID # 096122
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 The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

Incoming correspondence returned.

L. Paul Bremer, III
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Executive Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 2, 1982

Mr. Nicholas Royce
1924 North Argyle Avenue
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Royce:

I have been asked to reply to your recent communications to the President and to the Secretary of State. With respect to your earlier mailgram, I regret that you did not receive a reply to it, but it was not received in this office. Perhaps it was misdirected by the mail distribution system.


Regarding your suggestion that Secretary Haig call on the Greek Patriarch during his May visit to Turkey, I should point out that he did not have sufficient time to visit Istanbul. Consequently, there was no possibility for a call on the Patriarch. In general, our Consul General in Istanbul, a senior Foreign Service Officer, has periodic contact with the Patriarch, as does our Ambassador to Turkey, Robert Strausz-Hupé.

You assert in your letter that US high government officials always pay a courtesy call on the Pope when visiting Italy. I can assure you, however, that senior officials do not always pay a courtesy call on the Pope during visits to Italy. Of course, it is much easier for such officials to pay a call on the Pope in Rome while conducting business there with the Italian government. As you may be aware, Istanbul is more than 400 miles from Ankara, Turkey's capital, thus making courtesy visits impossible unless considerable additional travel is undertaken.

The United States is always concerned with allegations of human rights violations, and human rights play an important role in our relations with Turkey, as with all nations. I have enclosed a copy of the Department of State's latest report on human rights in Turkey, which examines many of the issues you have raised.

If you have any further questions on this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Michael W. Cotter of my office who is in charge of Turkish affairs. He can be reached at the Department of State, Office of Southern European Affairs, EUR:SE:TU, Room 5511 NS, Washington, D.C. 20520.

Sincerely,


Dirk Gleysteen
Director
Office of Southern
European Affairs

Enclosure:

Human Rights Report on Turkey

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. NICHOLAS ROYCE
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SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF HIS PREVIOUS MAILGRAM URGING
THAT WE PROTECT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S
TREATMENT OF THE EASTERN ORTHODOX MINORITY

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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SALLY KELLEY
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PRESIDENT

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NICHOLAS ROYCE
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Dear Mr. President:

August 13, 1982

I would appreciate a reply to my mailgram to you dated
May 3, 1982.

S.K.

I was very distressed to note that during Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr., visit to Turkey, he made no effort to pay a courtesy call on HIS ALL HOLINESS DIMITRIOS I, ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH OF ISTANBUL at the world center of Eastern Orthodoxy - AS DO OUR HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHEN VISITING ITALY THEY ALWAYS PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE POPE OF ROME. Whatever you might be able to do in this area in the future will be greatly appreciated by all Eastern Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

My deepest thanks and my heartfelt prayers for the friendship and support you've given my church.

Warmest personal regards

Nicholas Royce
Nicholas Royce

President Ronald Reagan
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
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you
AS AN AMERICAN AND A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR EQUAL STATUS OF EASTERN
ORTHODOXY IN THE UNITED STATES, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST, AS A
PROPONENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN
THE FORM OF A STRONG PROTEST TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DENOUNCING THE NEVER ENDING PERSECUTION OF
EASTERN ORTHODOX MINORITY AND THE CRIPPLING RESTRAINTS IMPOSED UPON
THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE (WHAT THE VATICAN IS TO THE ROMAN
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STATEMENT OF THIS NATURE COMING FROM YOU "MR PRESIDENT" WOULD NOT
ONLY SEIZE THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE 250 MILLION ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BUT WOULD APPEAL TO WORLD PUBLIC
OPINION TO EXERT PRESSURE UPON TURKEY TO CEASE TO EXTERMINATE THE
REMAINING EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN TURKEY AND RETURNING ST
SOPHIA CATHEDRAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW -- TO IMPROVE
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IT MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT
CONTINUE TO VIOLATE "HUMAN RIGHTS." WITHOUT CONCRETE ACTION YOUR
WORDS WILL BE HOLLOW.

SINCERELY,
NICHOLAS ROYCE

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