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MEMORANDUM

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 31, 1984

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT Giv

REQUEST: Meeting between the President and Greek President Karamanlis

- PURPOSE: To strengthen U.S.-Greek ties and recognize Karamanlis' long-standing support for U.S. and NATO policies.
- BACKGROUND: Karamanlis will receive an honorary degree from New York University on April 9, and has asked to meet with the President. He is a long-time friend of the U.S. and the senior Chief of State in NATO. Karamanlis has consistently used his influence to encourage moderation in Prime Minister Papandreou's policies. He has, as well, tried to promote a constructive Greek policy towards Cyprus and Turkey. A meeting with the President would demonstrate our recognition of his enduring support for U.S. and NATO policies.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

None

DATE & TIME: April 10-18 or April 2-7, 1984 DURATION: 30 Min.

LOCATION: The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President; Vice President; Secretary Shultz; Robert C. McFarlane; President Karamanlis; Ambassador Papoulias, plus two.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo opportunity followed by private discussion.

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide briefing papers.

MEDIA REQUIRED: Photo opportunity at beginning of meeting.

RECOMMENDED BY: State and NSC

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: Peter R. Sommer

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 31, 1984

MEMORANDUM	FOR	ROBERT	Μ.	KIMMITT	
FROM:		PETER	Rom	IER	

SUBJECT: Schedule Request for Greek President Karamanlis

State has recommended (Tab II), and we endorse, a 30-minute meeting with the President for Greek President Karamanlis. Among its other advantages, a meeting with Karamanlis would help us fend off a request for a meeting by Greek Prime Minister Papandreou, should one emerge.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Karamanlis scheduling request at Tab I.

Approve

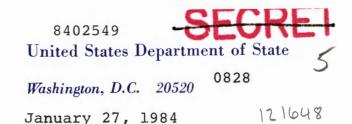
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Attachments Tab I - Scheduling Proposal Tab II - State's Recommendation

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

#### SUBJECT: Request for Call on President Reagan by Greek President Karamanlis

We have just been informed Greek President Karamanlis has agreed in principle to accept an honorary degree from New York University on April 9, but he is reluctant to travel to the United States, even on a private visit, without meeting with the President. In 1961, as Prime Minister, Karamanlis made the last official visit to the U.S. by a Greek leader. In 1978 Karamanlis met with President Carter during a private trip here. In the fall of 1982, the President invited Karamanlis to be his guest of honor at the Conference on Free Elections, but Karamanlis' official visit to Canada at the same time could not be rescheduled. In 1983, an office call on the President was offered when it appeared Karamanlis would visit the US but domestic developments caused him to cancel the proposed visit.

Karamanlis is a long-time friend of the U.S. and the senior chief of state in NATO. He is respected for having restored democracy in Greece in 1974, and for his role in Greece's entry into the European Community. Karamanlis has consistently used his influence to encourage moderation in Prime Minister Papandreou's policies, especially in urging conclusion of the new U.S.-Greek defense agreement. He has acted to assure a constructive Greek policy towards Cyprus and Turkey. His leadership of moderate and pro-U.S. elements in Greece will continue to limit actions by Papandreou detrimental to U.S. interests.

A meeting with President Reagan will demonstrate recognition of Karamanlis' support for U.S. and NATO policies during his long career. It will also be seen as an indication of the importance the U.S. accords its relationship with Greece, which will be praised not only in Greece, but here in Congress and among the Greek American community.

The Department strongly recommends that the President receive President Karamanlis for a half hour office call some time between April 10-18, or alternatively, April 2-7, 1984. No other formalities would be required.

for Charles Hill

Executive Secretary

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: DONALD R. FORTIER

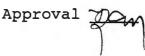
SUBJECT: New Initiative on Cyprus

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum transmitting to the President the State Department's proposal for a special Cyprus fund. At Tab II is a Kimmitt/Hill memo to be sent to State upon confirmation of the President's approval. The tasker itself has been requested by State in order to galvanize the legislative effort. I have outlined the new proposal to Al Keel and he concurs. We will work together on Monday morning to formalize the figures as well as to craft a formula to avoid immediate budgetary impact.

Dt fores not available Peter Sommer and Chris Lehman concur.

#### Recommendation

That you forward the attached package to the President and authorize the release of the State tasker upon confirmation of Presidential approval.



Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I McFarlane/President Tab A State memo to the President, May 5, 1984 Tab II Kimmitt/Hill

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#### MEMORANDUM

### THE WHITE HOUSE washington May 7, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: New Initiative for Cyprus

Issue

Whether to propose a special fund to promote peace and reconstruction on Cyprus.

#### Facts

State proposes (Tab A) that you ask Congress to create a special fund to promote peace on Cyprus. The idea is to deflect Congress from its current effort to punish Turkey for the lack of diplomatic progress and to focus Congressional attention instead on a new and more constructive approach. This would give Members, many of whom are concerned about the Cyprus issue, a chance to vote on a positive piece of legislation.

The knowledge that the United States is prepared to devote significant resources in support of a Cyprus settlement ought to have the effect of encouraging greater responsibility among the political leaders of the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities. They will not want to be perceived as having spurned assistance so important to their people as a result of an inability to come to terms over a settlement.

#### Discussion

The immediate purpose of this initiative is to save the Turkish security assistance program from further savage cuts and to put a brake on the deteriorating political situation in the Aegean. No funds would be spent until concrete progress toward a settlement had been achieved. We will work with the Congress to try to ensure that this account is not scored against existing budgetary marks. Should we actually succeed, however, in promoting peace on Cyprus, it would be well worth the price; the ongoing dispute in the Aegean has paralyzed our efforts to promote security on the southern flank.

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This initiative will be well received within the American Greek community which is concerned we have not paid adequate attention to Cyprus. We do not, however, want to get entangled in the negotiations themselves unless the situation is truly desperate and there is some prospect we could succeed. The virtue of this approach is that it enables us to show seriousness while limiting our own diplomatic risks.

A fresh approach is urgently needed. The Turkish aid program is in great difficulty. With a newly installed democratic government, Turkey -- which is working to curb terrorism and create growth in its economy -- needs our full security assistance. Turkey not only faces the Soviet Union along the longest common border of any NATO member, but it also sits directly adjacent to Syria, Iraq, and Iran. Its strategic importance is immense. Spurned by many Socialist governments in Europe for narrow political reasons, it looks to us -- and particulary to you -- for political support.

Should you agree to go ahead, we will want to include the initiative in your meeting with the bipartisan leadership on Tuesday, May 8. You will probably want to make a public statement immediately after that event.

Recommendation

NO

That you approve State's proposal for a special Cyprus fund.

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Tab A State memo to the President - May 5, 1984

Prepared by: Donald R. Fortier

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

May 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From:

ger, Acting Secretary Lawrence S. Eagleh Creation of Fund for Cyprus

Subject:

We continue to be greatly concerned with the situation on Cyprus and in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Turkish Community on the island has solidified its self-proclaimed independence, most recently through a formal exchange of ambassadors with Ankara. A frustrated Government of Cyprus, prompted in part by Greece, has brought the issue to the UN Security Council. The Senate has before it a bill reducing severely our aid for Turkey, and the House is scheduled to take up our aid request on the floor this Wednesday. With the Security Council and Congressional tests converging, I believe we need a new and imaginative initiative for Cyprus, both to revive a diplomatic process and to build support for our assistance to Turkey.

I propose you ask the Congress to create a "Cyprus Peace and Reconstruction Fund" to be used to stimulate the Cypriot parties to undertake new efforts for progress. The fund, of perhaps \$250 million, would be drawn upon only to pay for projects on the island as progress is made toward a fair and final solution. The fund would also be a symbol of the Administration's concern with promoting a final settlement.

You may want to introduce this idea at your meeting with the Congressional leadership on May 8. At the same time, you could make a clear and unambiguous call on the Congress to fund in full our security assistance requests for Greece and Turkey, both for their importance to the NATO alliance and to promote a Cyprus settlement. We are hopeful that your efforts, coupled with an intense program of lobbying and briefings, will be enough to give us an acceptable outcome in the House and help us create some momentum behind the UN Secretary General's diplomatic efforts.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That you approve this plan and agree to announce it to the Congressional leadership Tuesday morning.

> Approve Disapprove

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT: New Initiative on Cyprus (\$)

The President has agreed to urge the creation of a special fund to promote peace on Cyprus. He hopes this will stimulate real progress toward a settlement to safeguard the foreign assistance we have requested for Greece and Turkey. We will need to move urgently to take maximum advantage of this decision. State is requested to prepare plans for an intense and high-level Congressional support effort prior to Floor action on the aid program. Special high-level efforts will need to be taken to win the backing of key legislators. We should also focus special attention on freshmen Members who may be unaware of the history of the issue and of the enormous strategic importance we attach to Turkey.

> Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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Subject: Resending Note 05/04/84 17:29 Turkey Strategy To: NSJMP --CPUA

NOTE FROM: ROBERT MCFARLANE SUBJECT: Turkey Strategy

I talked to Shultz. He is on board for the money aspects although he believes we should stress the Cyprus reconstruction and not the Turk and Greek dimensions. He is charry-as I am--about the "fact-finder." I strongly don't want to get the US tagged with responsibility for finding a way out of an impossible morass--Cyrpiot politics make Lebanon look like a picnic. Let's go ahead with a memo to the President laying it out so that we can move promptly next week. . NSRMK

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER PETER

SUBJECT: Possible Meeting with President Kyprianou and/or Archbishop Iakovos

I delayed answering your subject prof note until after the President's trip (Tab A).

It now seems clear -- given the general view on visits -- that a meeting with Kyprianou could not take place until after the election. This is not all bad since progress is slow on Cyprus. Should a compelling reason for the President to meet with Kyprianou emerge before the election -- which currently seems unlikely -- you could fit him in during your 9:30 time.

With regard to Iakovos, I see no need to try to work him in. You met with him fairly recently. Plus a visit request for Iakovos could come just as appropriately from Faith Whittlesey on the basis of him being a religious leader. Faith apparently has no plans to seek a meeting for Iakovos. Should she decide to submit a request, I believe we should support it. But I see no need for us to be out in front.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That we not seek a meeting for either Kyprianou or Iakovos.

Disapprove and Don Fortier concur. Jack Matloc Attachment Your Prof Note Tab A CONFIDENTIAL Declassify on: OADR

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To: NSPBT ---CPUA

-- SECRET --NOTE FROM: ROBERT MCFARLANE SUBJECT:Note to Matlock/Fortier

I get periodic calls from a Greek friend asking to get Archbishop Iakovos in to see the President and perhaps even Kyprianou. I don't feel strongly about it but would appreciate your views on either or both coming in to see the President. We don't have any space for an official or private visit really but if Kyprianou were coming for some other visit we might work him in. I am conscious of the uncertain/unpromising future we face on Cyprus and don't want to rock the boat. Let me know what you think. Many thanks

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THE WHITE HOUSE-

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM:

SUBJECT: Armenian-American Concerns

As promised in my June 9 memo, working with State we have prepared a draft Presidential letter aimed at alleviating Armenian-American concerns over the Administration's position on the tragic historical events of 1915. The draft letter also denounces by implication any actions (e.g., Congressional resolutions) which appear to condone or offer excuses for Armenian terrorist activities.

Neither the President's letter nor my covering letter, which addresses the controversy surrounding the footnote to the article in the August 1982 State Department's Bulletin, will fully satisfy Governor Deukmejian. They hopefully, however, clarify the President's position and clearly state our foreign policy concerns. In draft form the letters are confidential, but once we agree on the text they no longer need to be classified.

Once you concur with the President's letter and my covering letter, I will send them to the President for his approval and signature. Please let me know your reaction. Thank you.

Attachment Tab A Covering Letter Tab B Presidential Letter

cc: Lee Verstandig

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Dear Governor,

In forwarding the President's letter on the tragic historical events of 1915, I wish to reiterate our position on the controversy -- of which you are well aware -- which arose two year's ago over the incorrect insertion in a footnote to an article on terrorism in the State Department's Bulletin.

The footnote stated that the State Department "does not endorse allegations that the Turkish Government committed a genocide against the Armenian people." The Department, as you probably know, issued a clarification in a subsequent issue of the <u>Bulletin</u> stating that the earlier article and its accompanying notes and footnotes:..." were not intended as statement of policy of the United States. Nor did they represent any change in U.S. policy."

I wish to repeat our position:

The Department of State has confirmed that neither the article on Armenian terrorism in the August 1982 <u>Bulletin</u>, its accompanying note, nor footnotes were intended as statements of policy of the United States. Nor did they represent any change in U.S. policy. An Editor's Note to this effect was included in the April 1983 issue of the Bulletin.

We hope this reaffirmation addresses your questions.

Sincerely,

Robert C. McFarlane

The Honorable George Deukmejian Governor of California Sacramento, California

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Dear George,

I understand that you and others in the Armenian-American community are concerned over our position on a Congressional resolution designating April 24 as a national day of rememberance of man's inhumanity to man.

I deeply sympathize with all those who suffered during the terrible days of 1915. My heart goes out to them and to their families, who continue to live in the shadow of the intense feelings aroused by these tragic historical events.

At the same time, we must remain sensitive to the modern phenomenon of international terrorism, which has taken on an increasingly ugly role in world affairs and is a major concern of our Administration. Mindful of the climate in which terrorism thrives, the Department of State is concerned, as am I, that Congressional action highlighting the events of 1915 could unintentionally encourage extremist groups which have carried out terrorist attacks against the Turkish government and its people. We are also concerned over the potential broader foreign policy implications of such a resolution.

I appreciate your personal interest and delicate position. Please let me assure you that our position is in no way intended to overlook or condone the tragic historical events which befell the Armenian people.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable George Deukmejian Governor of California Sacramento, California

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June 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT: Armenian Issue

Working from State's draft (Tab II), I have completed a suggested letter from the President to Governor Dogkmejian, along with a covering letter from you. You will note State perfers that we not express our views in writing but I believe that we should go ahead, given that this issue just won't seem to go away.

I am frankly not sure how you wish to handle this sensitive issue, but believe I understood that you want to keep the President away from the State Department's Bulletin controversy, which did so much to light up this issue. Ergo, your covering letter addresses the Bulletin controversy. The President's letter addresses the other aspects of our policy.

As the next step, I believe you need Jim Baker's and Lee Verstandig's agreement to our approach. Following their concurrence, we will forward the letter for the President's signature.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo to Jim Baker.

Approve

Disapprove

Jack Matlock and Don Fortier concur.

Attachments

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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM June 8, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Draft Letter to Governor Deukmejian: Armenian Issue

Attached, as requested, is a draft Presidential letter to California Governor Deukmejian on the Armenian issue, as well as a separate statement on the disclaimer to the note in the Department of State August 1982 <u>Bulletin</u> article on Armenian terrorism.

The Department believes it would be vastly preferable if a letter on this sensitive subject, which can only embroil us further with both the Armenian-American community and the Turkish Government, not be sent. Thus we recommend that instead the President raise this issue, among others, the next time he talks to Governor Deukmejian. Nevertheless, the draft is attached if it is decided that is the way to go.

The events of 1915 and thereafter have generated considerable controversy. Large numbers of Armenians and others in the Ottoman Empire lost their lives during this period. While scholars continue to dispute the nature and magnitude of these events, what is clear is the intensity of Armenian and Turkish feelings.

The Department has tried to steer a middle course between legitimate domestic political and foreign policy concerns about the issue. This has proven extremely difficult.

Armenian-Americans are seeking to designate April 24 as a national day of remembrance of man's inhumanity to man, and have introduced resolutions to this effect in the House and Senate. The State Department believes such a resolution could unintentionally encourage extremist groups which have carried out a terrorist campaign against the Turkish government and people. This is in no way intended to overlook the tragic events which befell the Armenian people.



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The article on Armenian terrorism in the August 1982 State Department <u>Bulletin</u> has caused sharp reactions in both the Armenian-American and Turkish-American communities. (The Armenian community took issue with a note in the article that the State Department "does not endorse allegations that the Turkish Government committed a genocide against the Armenian people." The Turkish community objected strongly to aspects of the historical background in the article.) The Department has since confirmed in the April 1983 State Department <u>Bulletin</u> that neither the article, its accompanying note, nor footnotes were intended as statements of policy of the United States.

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Draft Presidential letter
- 2. Separate statement as requested
- 3. Item from "The Armenian Reporter"

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#### DRAFT RESPONSE

Dear George,

I am well aware that there is widespread support in the Congress and among the Armenian-American community for the designation of April 24 as a national day of remembrance of man's inhumanity to man.

I deeply sympathize, as I know you do, with the Armenians and indeed with all those who suffered during 1915. My heart goes out not only to them but to their families, who continue to live in the shadow of the intense feelings aroused by those events.

At the same time, we must be sensitive to a modern form of man's inhumanity to man--international terrorism. The Department of State is concerned, as am I, that in such circumstances Congressional action highlighting the events of 1915 would unintentionally encourage extremist groups which have carried out terrorist attacks against the Turkish government and people. I assure you that this position is in no way intended to overlook the tragic events which befell the Armenian people.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable George Deukmejian, Governor of California, Sacramento, California.

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#### DRAFT SEPARATE STATEMENT ON THE DISCLAIMER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BULLETIN ARTICLE

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#### ITEM FROM "THE ARMENIAN REPORTER" THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1984

"Gov. Deukmejian Expresses Dismay to President.

"Sacramento, CA - Gov. George Deukmejian has released the following statement in reaction to the recent defeat of U.S. House of Representatives and Senate resolutions pertaining to the Armenian Genocide.

"'It has been reported that the annual Armenian National Day of Remembrance resolutions failed passage in the Congress because of opposition by the State Department. The Department's objection is not in keeping with the President's long-held recognition of the Armenian Genocide, which he restated to me and other Armenian-American community leaders as recently as last December.

"'The President's advisers acknowledge the personal views held by the President, but they have advised him that giving support to the Resolutions will not aid in resolving the long-standing Armenian-Turkish controversy, will hurt the goals of the NATO Alliance, and would give encouragement to Armenian terrorist organizations.

"'I totally disagree with that advice, and I have expressed my unequivocal disagreement to the White House.'"

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June 2, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT: Armenian Concerns (U)

The NSC requests that State prepare a draft Presidential letter to California Governor Dukmejian expressing the President's personal concern regarding Armenian suffering, and clearly stating our current position with respect to the losses incurred by the Armenian people in the earlier part of this century. (g)

We would also appreciate a separate statement that the State Department has retracted an offensive footnote published in a 1982 issue of the <u>Bulletin</u> that addressed the Turkish role in the Armenian suffering. (g)

A draft Presidential letter and covering note would be appreciated by close of business on Tuesday, June 5. (U)

Thank you.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive SEcretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM:

TYRUS COBB (IVC

SUBJECT: Armenian Concerns

Attached at Tab A is a memorandum tasking State to prepare a Presidential letter on our position re the Armenian question and an accompanying statement that State has formally retracted an offensive footnote contained in a 1982 State Department Bulletin.

### RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Paul Thompson to sign the Kimmitt-Hill memo at Tab A.

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Tab A Kimmitt-Hill Memo

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May 31, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

LEE L. VERSTANDIG FROM:

ARMENIAN-AMERICAN CONCERN SUBJECT:

The relationship between the Administration and the Armenian-Americans has now become a significant political issue that appears to be extending beyond the Armenian community to Greek-American and Jewish communities as well.

Governor George Deukmejian (R-CA) met with me last week during the Western Governors' Association conference and again raised the Armenian issue which he believes is becoming a major political embarrassment for the Administration. His concern stems from the lack of follow-up promised by the President at last December's Oval Office meeting with the Governor and leaders of the Armenian-American community.

During that very congenial meeting the Governor, citing the Armenian Genocide of 1915-23, expressed grave concern about a foolnote to an article printed in the August, 1982 State Department Bulletin, which said: "... the Department of State does not endorse allegations that the Turkish Government committed a genocide against the Armenian people."

The President indicated that he was unaware of the State Department disclaimer until that time but promised the Governor he would "follow-up."

I have repeatedly asked NSC Lo "follow-up" on that matter to enable me to get back to the Governor.

In early April the Governor personally called me inquiring about the "follow-up.". My repeated urgings of NSC received no response .--

Soon thereafter, the Governor wrote to the President requesting a resolution and/or proclamation commemorating April 24, 1984 as a National Day of Remembrance in recognition of the Armenian Genocide. The letter also expressed regret that a resolution was not passed in Congress due to State Department opposition. In order to solicit a response to the Governor's letter, it was forwarded to NSC and State for reply.

Finally, NSC suggested a response from me that I found to be untimely. Upon learning that the Covernor was preparing to call the President directly about the request, I telexed the attached memo and materials to Mike Deaver at the Western White House. Note that I recommended Bud McFarlane call the Governor in response to his letter and provide an explanation of the situation.

Bud did talk with the Governor. However, the Governor continues to be concerned.

During my conversation at the Western Governors' Association meeting, Governor Deukmejian reemphasized his feelings that it is extremely important that the President reaffirm his "strong sense of commitment" on this matter. The President issued a statement during the 1980 campaign (April 15) and signed a proclamation on April 27, 1901. The Governor noted that both Walter Mondale and Gary Hart have released statements this year recognizing the Armenian Genocide of 1915-23.

Since my meeting with the Governor, the State Department has indicated in a draft letter prepared for Secretary Shultz, that State acknowledges that it retracted that footnote in a <u>Bulletin</u> issued after August 1982.

Given the sensitivity of the issue with Armenians and other significant ethnic groups, I recommend we review our statements with a view toward clarifying the President's position on this matter.

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At Bob's request, I met with Parker early evening, Friday, September 21. Parker, a Greek-American, does know Papandreou, according to our Embassy in Athens. How well he knows Papandreou, however, is very much an open question.

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As a side note, I am struck by the similarity between what Papandreou allegedly told Parker, and Sterns' report of his talk with Papandreou. There have also been other official reports that Mitterrand has encouraged Papandreou to go to Libya. Moreover, Papandreou told Monty Stears on September 20 that Qadhafi has made economic concessions to Greece conditional on a visit. This sound much more like the real reason for the visit.

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cc: Jack Matlock Don Fortier

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