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Dear Andrew

TORNADOS FOR TURKEY

The attached telegram, which does not appear to have been copied to No.10, casts an interesting sidelight - as I think you will agree - on recent discussions in Cabinet and elsewhere on this subject.

Yours ever
David

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- 1. _____
- 2. MR COOMBE

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*Mr. Gold
Very interesting!*

*think it's
important that
Ministers should
be made aware
of this.*

19/12

MY TELNO 542: CREDIT COVER FOR TURKEY

Mine on Turkey

*cc to Twyford
The Henley
The Coombe
Turkey f.*

1. I SHOULD ALSO ADD THAT THE SUBJECT OF TORNADO CAME UP WHEN MY COUNSELLOR CALLED ON YUSUF OZAL, HEAD OF THE STATE PLANNING OFFICE, ON OTHER BUSINESS YESTERDAY. YUSUF OZAL SAID THAT THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT (IE THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, THE UNDER-SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND FINANCE AND THE STATE PLANNING OFFICE) HAD NOT IN ANY WAY BEEN CONSULTED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OVER A TORNADO PURCHASE. HE HIMSELF WAS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A DEAL, WHICH TURKEY DID NOT NEED AND COULD NOT AFFORD. THE AFFAIR WAS TYPICAL OF THE WAY SEPARATE MINISTRIES WENT AHEAD ON THEIR OWN, A PROCESS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTROLLED. OZAL ADDED THAT HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE CREDIT AVAILABLE FROM THE UK FOR OTHER CONTRACTS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVIL TO WHICH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREATER IMPORTANCE AND WHICH WERE MORE SUITABLE FOR TURKEY'S NEEDS.

2. THIS IS INTERESTING AS THE CLEAREST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS UNEASY AT THE WAY IN WHICH DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS, WITH MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR TURKISH ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT, ACQUIRE A MOMENTUM OF THEIR OWN. GENERAL CELENKLER, AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DA AM MYSELF RECENTLY, MENTIONED THE NEED TO REFER CONTRACTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AS WELL AS THE TGS TO SECURE AUTHORITY FOR CREDIT PURCHASES TO BE UNDER-TAKEN. BRITISH AEROSPACE HAVE TENDED TO BRUSH ASIDE THE QUESTION OF CIVILIAN CONTROL OF DEFENCE EXPENDITURE ARGUING THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF WOULD ALWAYS OBTAIN PRIORITY. THERE IS NOT QUESTION THAT THE TGS CARRY GREAT CLOUT. BUT THEY CANNOT OPERATE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO TURKEY'S OVERALL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POSITION AND ANY CONTRACT WHICH WOULD GO OUTSIDE THEIR AUTHORISED BUDGET LIMITS WOULD I AM SURE HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL. THIS IS A POINT TO BEAR IN MIND IN ASSESSING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DEFENCE SALES HERE.

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