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- 2. SUMMARY: THE KEY FEATURE OF CODEL BYRD'S FEB. 11 MEETING WITH THE TURKISH PRESIDENT WAS EVREN'S STRONG EXPOSITION OF HIS PERCEPTION THAT TURKEY NEEDS GREATER SUPPORT AND GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATO. SEN. BYRD REASSURED EVREN THAT TURKEY HAS FRIENDS IN THE U.S. WHO HAVE TAKEN, AND WILL TAKE, CONCRETE ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF TURKEY. THE SENATOR COUPLED THESE REASSURANCES WITH STATEMENTS THAT TURKEY'S FRIENDS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR POSITIVE SIGNALS FROM TURKEY, AND HE CALLED SPECIFICALLY FOR TURKISH RATIFICATION OF THE MARCH 1987 DECA SIDE LETTER AND MOVEMENT BY THE GOT ON OTHER MILITARY ISSUES IT HAS PLACED ON HOLD WHILE DEFERRING SIDE LETTER RATIFICATION. SEN. BOREN REINFORCED THESE SENTIMENTS, OUTLINING SPECIFICALLY WHAT HAD BEEN DONE LEGISLATIVELY FOR TURKEY AND PUTTING PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SENATOR BYRD.
- 3. ANSWERING SEN. WARNER'S QUERY, EVREN CALLED THE INF TREATY A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR STABILITY AND SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVE NATO (AND TURKEY'S) CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES WHILE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS CONTINUED. EVREN COUNSELED PRUDENCE

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IN ASSESSING GORBACHEV.

- SEN. PELL RAISED CYPRUS -- WHICH HE CALLED "THE BIG PROBLEM MARRING" U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS -- AND COMBINED CONGRATULATORY WORDS ON DAVOS WITH URGINGS THAT TURKEY FOCUS ITS ENERGIES ON THE USSR, NOT GREECE, AND THAT U.S.-TURKISH PARTNERSHIP HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE ONCE CYPRUS AND "THE PROBLEMS OF GREEKS IN CONSTANTINOPLE" ARE RESOLVED. EVREN WELCOMED DAVOS AS A VERY POSITIVE PHASE OF TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS. HIS RESPONSE ON CYPRUS HIGHLIGHTED THE UNSYG'S PROPOSALS WHICH TURKEY HAD TWICE ACCEPTED, AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THE COMING GREEK-CYPRIOT ELECTION WOULD PRODUCE A WISE LEADER WHO WOULD RETURN TO THE UN TABLE. EVREN ALSO DEFENDED TURKISH MILITARY ACTION IN CYPRUS, FOR IT SAVED LIVES. SLIMMARY.
- PRESIDENT EVREN MET WITH SENATORS BYRD, PELL, BOREN AND WARNER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM (NOTETAKER), FEBRUARY 11 FROM 5:30 TO SHORTLY AFTER 7 P.M. WITH EVREN ON THE TURKISH SIDE WERE MFA UNDER SECRETARY FOR BILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS NURVER NURES, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT ALI TAYGUN (INTERPRETER), AND A NOTETAKER FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF.

WELCOME.

THE PRESIDENT BEGAN THE MEETING-WITH A WELCOMING DISCOURSE IN WHICH HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF VISITS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TURKEY, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. MANY AMERICAN CITIZENS, HE THOUGHT, DO NOT EVEN KNOW TURKEY'S LOCATION ON THE MAP; AND THOSE WHO DO OFTEN THINK OF TURKEY ONLY IN THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF OTTOMAN INVADERS AT THE GATES OF VIENNA OR CONQUERING THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA. FOR SOME REASON, EVREN OPINED, WESTERNERS ACCEPT OTHER EMPIRES, SUCH AS THOSE OF THE GREEKS AND ROMANS, OR THE BRITISH, WHILE LOOKING ON THE OTTOMANS AS BARBARIANS. HOWEVER, WHEN PEOPLE COME TO TURKEY. EVREN CONTINUED, THEY FIND A HOSPITABLE PEOPLE WITH A HUMAN APPROACH TO PROBLEMS.

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- EVREN MADE CLEAR THAT HE BLAMED TURKEY'S PAST LACK OF INTEREST IN PROMOTING ITSELF FOR THE IMAGE HE FELT IT HAS IN THE U.S. NOTING HIS FATHER'S TEACHINGS TO HIM, HE SAID IT WAS A TURKISH TRADITION NOT TO BOAST BUT TO WAIT FOR OTHERS TO ADMIRE ONE'S QUALITIES. NOW, HE SAID, THE TURKS KNOW THEY NEED TO DO BETTER IN PROMOTING THEMSELVES ABROAD.
- 9. THIS IS ONE REASON, HE SAID LATER, WHY HE HAS

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BEEN INTERESTED IN VISITING THE UNITED STATES, WHERE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AMERICAN AUDIENCES THROUGH TELEVISION AND THE PRESS. AND THROUGH VARIOUS GROUPS TO WHOM HE COULD RELATE THE SACRIFICES TURKEY IS MAKING FOR U.S. AND ALLIED SECURITY. (OF COURSE, HE ADDED IN AN ASIDE, IT WOULD REMAIN TO BE SEEN HOW MUCH COVERAGE HE WOULD GET IF HE DID SO, BECAUSE "FOR THE U.S. IT IS NOT 'DOG BITES MAN' BUT VICE VERSA THAT GETS THE HEADLINES.")

10. MAJORITY LEADER'S OPENING REMARKS: THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY; NATO; AND THE NEW SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

SENATOR BYRD RESPONDED BY INDICATING HOW MUCH HE SHARED THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO SEE MORE VISITS TO TURKEY. HE SPOKE OF THE PROFOUND IMPRESSION HIS FIRST VISIT TO TURKEY IN 1955 AS MEMBER OF A 7-MAN HFAC DELEGATION, INCLUDING DR. WALTER JUDD, FORMER MEDICAL MISSIONARY IN CHINA. THAT VISIT HAD LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION, THE MAJORITY LEADER SAID, WHICH KEPT BRINGING HIM BACK AND WANTING OTHER AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS TO VISIT TOO. AS SHEBA HAD FOUND WHEN SHE VISITED SOLOMON, HE ADDED, "THE HALF HAS NEVER YET BEEN TOLD."

- 11. SPEAKING FOR HIS CURRENT CODEL, BYRD SAID IT HAD ONLY A ONE-WEEK TRIP TO MAKE: AND THE DECISION TO INCLUDE ANKARA ALONG WITH LONDON, PARIS, BONN AND ROME SHOWED HOW IMPORTANT TURKEY LOOMED IN THE EYES OF THIS TOP-LEVEL GROUP. MOSTLY, HE SAID, THE CODEL WAS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE INF TREATY AND THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE NEW SOVIET LEADERSHIP. IN THE USSR, HE ADDED, THE OLD IS BEING SWEPT AWAY. THE KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE IS NEW WINE, OR ONLY A NEW BOTTLE.
- 12. THE CODEL ALSO WANTED TO SHOW EUROPEANS THAT SENATORS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE UNDEVIATING SUPPORTERS OF NATO, SUPPORT FOR WHICH IS SO INGRAINED IN THE U.S. THAT IT CANNOT BE CHANGED OR QUESTIONED, REGARDLESS OF WHICH PARTY IS IN POWER. OF COURSE, HE ADDED, THE U.S. WELCOMES THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE WHICH MR. GORBACHEV OFFERS; BUT WE ARE WATCHING THINGS CAUTIOUSLY, CONSTANT IN DUR SUPPORT OF THE ALLIANCE.
- 13. SUMMING UP HIS OPENING REMARKS, THE MAJORITY LEADER REITERATED HIS LONG-STANDING AND UNWAIVERING SUPPORT FOR TURKEY. HE EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR TURKISH LEADERSHIP, IN ITS EXPANSION OF TRADE AND GNP, IN THE VISION SHOWN AT DAVOS, AND IN ITS APPROACH TO ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE SOUTHWEST ASIA REGION.
- 14. CHAIRMAN PELL: DAVOS; CYPRUS; AND THE SOUTHERN FLANK.

AFTER OPENING WITH COMPLIMENTS ON THE SULEYMAN EXHIBITION, WHICH IMPRESSED MANY AMERICANS, AND THE VALOR OF TURKISH SOLDIERS IN KOREA, PARTICULARLY AS PRISONERS WHERE THEY KEPT THEIR DISCIPLINE WHILE OTHERS "CRUMBLED," SENATOR PELL ACKNOWLEDGED TURKEY'S IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK. "WE WANT TO SEE THE TIME COME WHEN YOU CAN DEVOTE ALL YOUR ENERGIES," HE SAID, "TO THE SOVIET UNION AND NOT S E C R E T SECTION O3 OF O6 ANKARA O2190

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TO GREECE." IN THIS CONTEXT HE CONGRATULATED EVREN ON DAVOS AND EXPRESSED HOPE IT WOULD LEAD TO PROGRESS IN "THE BIG PROBLEM MARRING OUR RELATIONS, THE OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS BY TURKISH TROOPS USING AMERICAN WEAPONS." WHEN THAT IS RESOLVED, HE SAID, "AND WHEN THE PROBLEMS OF GREEKS IN CONSTANTINOPLE ARE RESOLVED, I SEE A BRIGHT FUTURE PARTNERSHIP." IN THE MEANTIME, THE CHAIRMAN SAID, THE U.S. WOULD WANT TO DO ALL IT COULD TO HELP IN THE EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS.

CHAIRMAN BOREN: INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION; DECA SIDE LETTER.

UNDERLINING WHAT SENATOR BYRD HAD SAID ABOUT FIRST IMPRESSIONS--SAYING HE HAD BEEN SO IMPRESSED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR PARKER HART'S TALES OF TURKEY THAT HE WENT TO ISTANBUL AT AN EARLY AGE--SENATOR BOREN SAID HE NOW SEES TURKEY FROM HIS SENATE COMMITTEE'S PERSPECTIVE. HE EXPRESSED IN SOME DETAIL HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TURKEY AND CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING ADMIRATION FOR EVREN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO TURKEY'S CURRENT STABLE COURSE AND FOR HIS "VISION AND WISDOM" IN RESTORING DEMOCRACY AFTER LEADING THE 1980 MILITARY INTERVENTION.

SAYING HE MIGHT BE ABOUT TO EMBARRASS THE. MAJORITY LEADER, BOREN SPOKE OF SENATOR BYRD'S IMPORTANT EFFORTS IN CONGRESS ON TURKEY'S BEHALF. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY HAD NOT BEEN CUT, HE NOTED DESPITE A VERY TOUGH BUDGETARY ENVIRONMENT, AND WORK WAS BEING DONE TO GAIN A GOOD RESULT ON THE FMS REFINANCING FRONT. THESE EFFORTS WERE IMPARTING AN UPWARD MOMENTUM TO CONGRESSIONAL WORK IN SUPPORT OF TURKEY. THEY WERE A GOOD SIGN, HE SAID, WHICH CALLED FOR GOOD SIGNS IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. HE THEREFORE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TURKEY WOULD RATIFY THE MARCH 1987 DECA SIDE LETTER AND THAT EVREN WOULD VISIT THE U.S.

17. SENATOR WARNER: GREETING FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN.

INTRODUCED BY THE MAJORITY LEADER AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND A FORMER SECNAV, SENATOR WARNER BROUGHT GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT EVREN FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN. NOTING HIS PAST EXPERIENCE HELPING TO BUILD UP THE TURKISH NAVY IN THE EARLY 1970S, THE SENATOR PRAISED NOT ONLY TURKEY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATO BUT ALSO THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND TURKISH DEFENSE PERSONNEL. HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH SENATOR BYRD THAT THE INF TREATY WOULD BE RATIFIED AND ASKED EVREN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THAT ON NATO, AND OF A START AGREEMENT SHOULD ONE BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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18. EVREN'S RESPONSE: DAVOS; INF; GORBACHEV; CYPRUS; ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND GRIEVANCES.

AFTER THANKING THE SENATORS, THE PRESIDENT NOTED BRIEFLY THAT USUALLY SUCH DELEGATIONS FEEL OBLIGED TO ADD AN ATHENS VISIT TO THE ITINERARY, OR THE GREEKS FEEL OFFENDED. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, SINCE GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS HAD NOW ENTERED A VERY POSITIVE PHASE THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON FOR ATHENS TO TAKE OFFENSE. HE THEN TURNED TO INF, TERMING IT A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT CREATING A GLOBAL SENSE OF CONFIDENCE.

19. NO ONE CAN DENY, EVREN SAID, THE BENEFIT OF REMOVING A WHOLE CATEGORY OF POWERFUL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO WHETHER EUROPE AND THE WORLD COULD HAVE PASSED THROUGH SUCH A PERIOD OF PEACE AND STABILITY WITHOUT S E C R E T SECTION 04 OF O6 ANKARA 02190

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THEM, HE SAID, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVE NATO'S STRENGTH IN THE CONVENTIONAL FIELD. OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE A MAJOR IMBALANCE IN FAVOR OF THE USSR. THUS, EVREN CONCLUDED, TURKEY WELCOMES THE INF AGREEMENT BUT FEELS THERE SHOULD BE A MAJOR EFFORT DURING THE THREE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD TO BRIDGE THE GAP IN THE CONVENTIONAL FIELD.

- 20. ON GORBACHEV, EVREN SAID IT APPEARED THE SOVIET LEADER MIGHT BE SINCERE, THOUGH IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO SEE IF THIS IS "NEW WINE." GORBACHEV SEEMS TO WANT TO SPEND LESS ON WEAPONS AND MORE ON MEASURES TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, HE SAID, AND ONE HOPES HE DOES NOT HAVE "ULTERIOR" ARMS CONTROL MOTIVES. HE IS CLEVER AND ABLE, AND SHOWED THAT BY EMBRACING ZERO OPTION AS SOON AS HE LAID HIS GRIP ON POWER. THE WEST SHOULD BE PRUDENT IN ASSESSING HIM, EVREN ADDED, NOT FORGETTING CHAMBERLAIN'S RETURN FROM MUNICH PROCLAIMING PEACE.
- 21. ON CYPRUS, EVREN SAID DAVOS SHOULD HELP, BUT SENATOR PELL SHOULD KNOW THE TURKISH SIDE HAD ACCEPTED TWICE, WITH SOME SACRIFICES, THE UNSYG'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. NOTHING COULD HAPPEN UNTIL AFTER THE GREEK-CYPRIOT ELECTIONS, HE SAID, BUT TURKEY HOPES A PRESIDENT WITH WISDOM AND VISION WILL COME TO POWER SO BOTH SIDES CAN RETURN TO THE UNSYG'S TABLE TO TAKE UP HIS PROPOSALS. HE DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER THESE WOULD BE OLD OR NEW PROPOSALS.
- 22. EVREN DISAGREED WITH SENATOR PELL ON HIS POINT THAT CYPRUS WAS OCCUPIED BY TURKISH TROOPS WITH U.S. ARMS. TO ACCEPT THAT, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO AGREE

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THAT TURKEY COULD NOT USE: ITS FORCES ANYWHERE EXCEPT WITHIN THE NATO AREA. FRANCE, HE NOTED, FOUGHT IN ALGERIA WHEN IT WAS FULLY PARTICIPATING, MILITARILY, IN THE ALLIANCE, AT THE COST OF 1.5 MILLION LIVES. BY CONTRAST, HE SAID, TURKEY'S INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS HAD BEEN TO SAVE THE LIVES OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS, WHICH WERE IN PERIL.

- 23. TURNING TO SENATOR BOREN'S REMARKS, EVREN THANKED HIM. COMMUNISTS WITHIN TURKEY AND ABROAD HAD ATTACKED HIM FOR INTERVENING IN 1980, HE SAID, BUT THIS WAS ONLY NATURAL. THERE WERE COMMUNISTS, FASCISTS AND FUNDAMENTALISTS IN ALL COUNTRIES. IS IMPORTANT, EVREN SAID, IS THAT THEY BE IN THE MINORITY: AND THIS HAD BEEN TRUE IN TURKEY'S MOST RECENT ELECTION.
- SOME IN EUROPE CRITICIZE TURKEY FOR OUTLAWING THE COMMUNIST PARTY, HE SAID, BUT THERE ARE EUROPEANS WHO OUTLAW FASCIST PARTIES. "WE OUTLAW BOTH FASCISTS AND COMMUNISTS," HE ADDED. WHILE THE DAY MIGHT COME WHEN THIS MIGHT CHANGE, HE CONTINUED, HE DID NOT THINK NOW IS THE TIME.
- EVREN THEN GAVE A LONG DISCOURSE ON U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS, STRESSING TURKISH FIDELITY AS A COUNTRY WHICH HAS ALWAYS HONORED ITS AGREEMENTS. NOTING THE THREAT TO TURKEY FROM MULTIPLE DIRECTIONS, HE SPOKE OF THE ECONOMIC BURDEN HIS NATION CARRIES, WHICH EXPLAINS ITS CONSTANT NEED FOR AID DESPITE HIS REGRET AS PRESIDENT THAT TURKEY MUST SEEK SUCH ASSISTANCE. MUSING THAT FURKEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO REDUCE ITS BURDEN BY DISBANDING SOME UNITS, EVREN WONDERED IF THAT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.
- INSTEAD, HE SAID, TURKEY NEEDS TRADE TO HELP WITH ITS GROWING DEBT. LOOKING AT ITS SHARE OF THE U.S. TEXTILE IMPORT MARKET, HE SAID TURKEY HAD ONLY 1.5 PERCENT WHILE HONG KONG, TAIWAN AND KOREA HAD 30 PERCENT. CONSIDERING THAT TURKEY IS AN ALLY, HE SAID, AND PUTTING ASIDE KOREA, TURKEY SHOULD BE GIVEN S E C R E T SECTION 05 OF 06 ANKARA 02190

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A BETTER CHANCE TO COMPETE -- IN STEEL AS WELL.

- 27. ON THE FMS DEBT SIDE, EVREN SAID HE HAD TO ADMIT TURKEY HAD NOT REALIZED WHAT IT WAS GETTING INTO IN THE EARLY 1980S, WHEN IT WAS BORROWING AT 12-14 PERCENT. NOW TURKEY IS PAYING BACK MORE OR LESS WHAT IT RECEIVES EACH YEAR IN NEW CREDITS. AID, HE SAID. SHOULD BE GOING UP EACH YEAR; INSTEAD IT IS GOING DOWN.
- 28. HAVING "SUMMARIZED THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SIDE, " EVREN SAID ARMENIAN RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS HAD GREATLY DISTURBED TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION, "PLACING BUTTER ON THE BREAD OF COMMUNISTS WHO WANT TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN US." HI ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT PORTIONS OF THE LATEST DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT DEALING WITH THE KURDISH QUESTION.

29. IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S IMMEDIATE REPLY THAT NOT A WORD OF THE RECENT REPORT CAN BE READ AS SUPPORTING OR CONDONING KURDISH SEPARATISM, EVREN INSISTED IT WAS STILL SEEN THAT WAY BY TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION. GOING ON IN A MILD AND FRIENDLY, BUT NO LESS SERIOUS VEIN, THE PRESIDENT SAID TURKEY HAD BECOME A MEMBER OF NATO TO PROTECT ITS SECURITY BUT COULD NOT HELP BUT ASK ITSELF WHAT KIND OF AN ALLIANCE TOLERATES AND CONDONES THOSE WHO SEEK TO DIVIDE TURKEY. IF THIS KEEPS UP HE SAID (MILDLY, AGAIN, BUT NO LESS CLEARLY), THERE MIGHT COME A DAY WHEN THE TURKISH PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO RE-EXAMINE THIS RELATIONSHIP.

30. EVREN THEREFORE ASKED FOR CONGRESSIONAL HELP ON THE FOREGOING FRONTS. HE HAD WANTED TO VISIT THE U.S. LAST YEAR, HE SAID, AND HE BLAMED POSTPONEMENT ON LAST YEAR'S REFERENDUM, ELECTIONS AND "THE WINTER." NOW HE WOULD BE INTERESTED, AND HOPED THE SENATORS WOULD CONVEY THIS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HARD IF THERE WERE TO BE AN ARMENIAN RESOLUTION BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER SUCH A TRIP. THE AMBASSADOR, HEARTILY SECONDED BY SENATOR BOREN, SAID HE SAW LITTLE PROSPECT OF THE RESOLUTION'S RESUSCITATION AND/OR PASSAGE. EVREN AGREED.

31. SENATOR BYRD'S RESPONSE.

IN A FINAL PERORATION, SENATOR BYRD TOOK ON EVREN'S REMARKS DIRECTLY, SAYING HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S RHETORICAL QUESTIONING OF JUST WHAT KIND OF ALLIANCE IT IS THAT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE SACRIFICES BEING MADE BY THE TURKISH NATION. HE EXPRESSED HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT EVREN AND THE TURKISH PEOPLE WOULD NOT LOSE HEART.

32. THE MAJORITY LEADER SPOKE OF THE VERY SERIOUS BUDGET PROBLEMS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED IN WASHINGTON. WERE IT NOT FOR THAT SITUATION, HE SAID, THE AID PICTURE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT; BUT EVEN IN THE FACE OF THAT SITUATION, HE ADDED, TURKEY HAD DONE PRETTY WELL. AS FOR TURKEY'S SACRIFICES FOR THE ALLIANCE, THE SENATOR SAID, AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM, AND HE TICKED OFF SOME OF THEM:

--TURKEY'S LONG WARSAW PACT BORDER AND THE THREATS IT FACES FROM THE EAST.

--ITS DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS--WHERE ELSE HAS THE MILITARY TAKEN OVER THREE TIMES AND RETURNED CONTROL EACH TIME TO CIVILIAN LEADERS?

--THE PROTECTION TURKEY AFFORDS TO ISRAEL AND OTHER S E C R E T SECTION OF OF OF ANKARA 02190

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FRIENDS OF THE U.S. IN THE REGION.

--OUR TRADE SURPLUS WITH TURKEY--WITH HOW MANY OTHER COUNTRIES DO WE HAVE ONE?

SO. SENATOR BYRD SAID, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT TURKEY'S CONTRIBUTIONS ARE KNOWN, AND TO GET ACROSS THE IDEA THAT WHEN THE WATER LIFTS FOR THE TURKISH BOAT IT LIFTS US ALL AS WELL.

33. TURNING TO ARMENIAN RESOLUTIONS, THE SENATOR DECLARED WITH ELOQUENCE THAT AS LONG AS HE IS MAJORITY LEADER NO ARMENIAN RESOLUTION WILL BE CALLED UP IN THE U.S. SENATE; AND HE ADDED THAT SO LONG AS HE IS IN ANY POSITION HE WILL STEP IN TO KILL ANY FUTURE RESOLUTION.

FINALLY, THE SENATOR SAID, IT BEHOOVES BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY TO WORK TOGETHER AND FOR BOTH COUNTRIES TO DO THEIR BEST. TURKEY COULD GREATLY HELP, HE SAID, BY RATIFYING THE DECA SIDE LETTER AND RESPONDING TO U.S. NEEDS IN REGARD TO DUR

IF TURKEY COULD DO THESE THINGS, THE SENATOR SAID, HE COULD GO TO PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND SAY, "I TOLD YOU." THUS, THE MAJORITY LEADER CONCLUDED, HIS MESSAGE WAS, "DON'T DESPAIR. CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS AND IT WILL RETURN TO YOU AGAIN AFTER MANY DAYS. "

35. CONCLUSION BY SENATOR BOREN.

REINFORCING THIS, SENATOR BOREN SUMMED UP CONGRESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR TURKEY:

- --THE ARMENIAN RESOLUTION HAD BEEN DEFEATED;
- --MILITARY AID HAD NOT BEEN CUT:
- -- "7-10" HAD NOT BEEN WRITTEN INTO LAW; AND
- -- CONGRESS HAD PASSED NEW LEGISLATION ON FMS CREDITS.

NOW, HE HOPED, TURKEY WOULD GIVE ITS FRIENDS IN CONGRESS, IN BOTH PARTIES, THE RIGHT GESTURES TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING.

36. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY CODEL. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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