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NOTE FOR DICK KENNEDY

SUBJECT: Turkish Opium Production

I recommend you send the attached back-channel message to Scowcroft to alert him to the Turkish opium decision and what we are doing about it.

I attach as well a copy of the briefing item we prepared for HAK on the subject, and the pending action memo for the President which, I understand, Scowcroft has not yet forwarded.

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Hal Horan

Attachments

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PRESIDENT'S TUESDAY BRIEFING

For HAK

Turks to Resume Opium Production. According to Turkish Radio broadcasts, opium production will be resumed this fall in seven provinces. No details are yet available on whether the Turkish Government intends to introduce any safeguards to prevent diversion of the opium into illicit channels. The Turkish Government has been under pressure for some time to make this move and popular reaction within Turkey will be largely positive. US Congressional views, however, are bound to be hostile to Turkey. Ambassador Macomber has asked for an appointment to see Prime Minister Ecevit, but for the moment we are adopting the line that we are awaiting further information.

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