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White House Guidelines, Sept. 17, 2008  
BY NARA *ds* DATE *9/14/10*

MEMORANDUM FOR: NANCY BEARG DYKE

SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Vice President meet with  
Turkish Ambassador Elekdag *Sukru*

The NSC has reviewed the State Department's recommendation (Tab A) that the Vice President briefly receive Turkish Ambassador Sukru<sup>x</sup> Elekdag preceding the latter's recall to Ankara on consultations. In principle, the NSC finds the Department's argument for this call persuasive but cautions that many other Ambassadors in town may be encouraged by this example to seek appointments with the Vice President. On balance, and given the sensitive nature of our present relationship with the government in Ankara, the NSC supports State's request but would urge stringent selectivity so far as future calls by resident Washington-based Chiefs of Mission are concerned. (C)

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Charles P. Tyson

*NSC #8100279*

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 4, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Recommendation that the Vice President Meet  
with Turkish Ambassador Elekdag

The Turkish Government has summoned Ambassador Sukru Elekdag to Ankara later this month for consultations. The Turkish leaders will ask Elekdag for his views on how the Reagan Administration plans to handle the relationship with Turkey. Elekdag had a cordial and productive meeting with Secretary Haig on January 29. Before leaving for Ankara on February 10, he has asked also to meet with the Vice President and Secretary Weinberger.

The Department of State strongly recommends that the Vice President agree to see Elekdag. (A similar recommendation is being made to the Department of Defense.) It is most important that the top policy levels of the new Administration open at an early date a broad-spectrum dialogue with the Turkish Government. We can thereby demonstrate our interest in, and our expectations from, the bilateral relationship. Currently on an excellent footing, that relationship requires continued, careful attention. Our agenda with Turkey includes NATO concerns, Turkish relations with Greece and problems in the eastern Mediterranean, and Cyprus. We have also begun to exchange views on our respective approaches to events in Southwest Asia/Persian Gulf/Middle East.

An office call on the Vice President need not last longer than 15 minutes. If the Vice President agrees to receive Elekdag, the Department will provide briefing material and suggested talking points.

L. Paul Bremer III  
Executive Secretary

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April 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke *NBD*

SUBJECT: Memcons

The Vice President prefers that memoranda of conversations not be routinely circulated. Of course, there would be some exceptions.

Attached are several memcons you recently sent, on which I have marked a few small changes. The memos are generally excellent accountings of the meetings.

Attachments:

- Meeting with FRG Economics Minister Lambsdorff
- Meeting with Dutch Prime Minister van Agt
- Meeting with FRG Defense Minister Apel
- Meeting with former Irish Minister for Foreign Policy Garret Michael FitzGerald
- Meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Turkmen #1963

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White House, OMB, Sept. 11, 2001  
BY NARA *ds* DATE 7/19/10

April 10, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Turkmen

Attached is a memorandum of conversation covering your meeting on April 2 with Turkish Foreign Minister Turkmen. With your permission I would like to circulate the memo to the Departments of State and Defense.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve distribution of the memcon to State and Defense.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Defense \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove  \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Ed Meese  
James Baker

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Turkish-American Relations

PARTICIPANTS: Vice President George Bush  
 Secretary of State Alexander Haig  
 Deputy Assistant to President for  
 National Security Affairs James Nance  
 Acting Assistant Secretary of State for  
 European Affairs Allen Holmes  
 Chief of Staff for the Vice President  
 Daniel Murphy  
 Assistant to the Vice President for  
 National Security Affairs Nancy Berg Dyke ✓  
 NSC Staff Member, Dennis Blair

Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen  
 Turkish Ambassador to the United States  
 Sukru Elekdag  
 Assistant Secretary General for Information,  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador  
 Oktay Iscen

DATE, TIME Thursday, April 2, 1981 4:30 p.m.  
 AND PLACE: Roosevelt Room

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The Vice President opened the meeting by welcoming Minister Turkmen and reiterating the importance of Turkey to the United States and the Western Alliance. He said that the United States intended to help Turkey with its economic difficulties, however, that the United States must also turn its own economy around and could therefore not do everything to assist it allies that it would like. (U)

Minister Turkmen responded expressing his and General Evren's warm regards to the President during his convalescence and his sympathy for the President's recent ordeal. He said that he and Secretary of State Haig had held useful conversations covering both bilateral and multilateral issues and that he was happy with the approach of the new Administration. Concerning Turkey's problems, he cited a lack of weapons and other material by the Turkish army. He recognized the financial constraints which affected the United States and he realized that little could be done to increase aid in the near term, however he urged the Administration to take a longer four-to five-year perspective. He noted that even without the new threat posed by the Soviets in Southwest

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Asia, a determined effort was required to raise the effectiveness of the Turkish army. Concerning economic problems, Minister Turkmen stated that a two-year program at the minimum was needed to find solutions. Turkey was counting on the United States both for economic assistance and for the exercise of its influence with others to assist Turkey. (C)

In response to the Vice President's questions, Minister Turkmen gave the following basic information about the Turkish economy: inflation running at 40%, down from 100% last year; interest rates exceeding 40%; GNP about \$1200 per capita; high unemployment and considerable underemployment. Further exacerbating economic problems is a high birth rate which increases the population 2.4% per year. (U)

The Vice President asked Minister Turkmen's views on the situation in Poland. (C)

Minister Turkmen replied that he was not certain what would happen in Poland. He noted that events in Poland were not easy for anyone to control. He said that a Soviet intervention in Poland would have no direct effect on Turkey, but that the Turks would join in the agreed punitive NATO economic measures, even though these same measures were also punitive to Turkey, since it received electricity from the Soviet Union and had economic ties with other European countries. (C)

The Vice President reviewed the President's views on international terrorism and asked Minister Turkmen why it was the United Nations was unable to take any effective international action against terrorism. It had been one of the Vice President's frustrations when he was Ambassador to the U.N. (C)

*though it could be quite effective in some other areas such as the food. ✓*

Minister Turkmen replied that terrorism had a "two-edged interpretation" among many U.N. representatives. He saw little change in the United Nations powerlessness to deal with terrorism. For example, many U.N. delegations sympathized with the PLO and its use of terror tactics. (C)

The Vice President followed up by asking Minister Turkmen's views on the U.S. policy toward the PLO of refusing to deal with it until the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist and renounced the use of terror. (C)

The Vice President noted that the President held these views very strongly. (U)

Minister Turkmen said that the PLO had official representatives in Turkey, and that these representatives sometimes acted reasonably and sometimes not. Minister Turkmen said he had met Yasser Arafat whom he considered "a remarkable man, speaking good English and French." He did not come across personally as only a gunman

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despite his flamboyant costumes. Another leader of the PLO with whom it was possible to deal was Foreign Minister Qadoummi. ~~(S)~~

The meeting ended with a mutual reiteration of the importance and strength of US-Turkish ties. (U)

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April 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Turkmen

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White House  
BY NARA *db*  
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Attached for your signature is a memorandum forwarding to the Vice President a memcon for his meeting last week with Foreign Minister Turkmen. Adm. Nance stood in for you at this meeting. The meeting was unremarkable. (C)

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the Vice President at Tab I.

Approve   /  

Disapprove       

*ROA  
4/10/81*

**SIGNED**

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FROM BLAIR

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT  
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*  
SUBJECT: Meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister  
Ilter Turkmen  
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The State Department recommends, and I support the recommendation, that you meet with Foreign Minister Turkmen during his April 1-3 visit to Washington. (U)

The objective of Turkmen's visit is largely psychological. We are reaffirming the solidarity of the Turkish-American relationship in the face of recent difficulties in Turkey. (C)

The assistance package that we and the Germans are working out for Turkey is well in hand and meets Turkish requirements. The most sensitive issue between us is the Turkish role in contingency planning for Southwest Asia. We wish to impress on Minister Turkmen the key role that Turkey can play due to its geographical position. (C)

RECOMMENDATION

That you meet with Turkish Foreign Minister Turkmen

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Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 11, 1981

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dl 9/1/116MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Recommendation that the Vice President  
Meet with the Turkish Foreign Minister

At the invitation of Secretary Haig, Turkish Foreign Minister Iltar Turkmen will visit the United States March 31 through April 9. Turkmen will be in Washington April 1 through April 3 for meetings with Secretary Haig, leading members of Congress, and others. The Turkish Embassy has requested that Turkmen meet with the Vice President. The Department believes that such a meeting would be very helpful in demonstrating that the United States considers Turkey a valued ally and ascribes special importance to the Turkish-American relationship. Turkmen speaks fluent English and is substantively well versed on all issues of interest to us.

Accordingly, the Department recommends that the Vice President meet with the Turkish Foreign Minister on the afternoon of April 1.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Paul Bremer, III".

L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

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March 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *cut*

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DUB*

SUBJECT: Proposed Meeting of Turkish Foreign  
Minister Turkmen with the Vice President

*Jim* Attached is a self-explanatory memo to the Vice President recommending that he meet with Minister Turkmen next month. Jim Rentschler and I support the State Department recommendation (Tab I) that the Vice President schedule this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve  \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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