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ANDREW A.

ATHENS

(SUFFIX)

MR.

TITLE: NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

ORGANIZATION: UNITED HELLENIC AMERICAN CONGRESS

STREET: SUITE 514

112 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CITY: CHICAGO

STATE: IL ZIP: 60603

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ATTENTION REGARDING THE CONTINUING

TURKISH DESECRATION AGAINST CYPRUS

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1983

Dear Mr. Athens:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of July 18 to the President on the ninth anniversary of the arrival in Cyprus of Turkish troops.

The Cyprus problem remains one of great concern to this Administration and one for which we continue to search for a peaceful solution. Our diplomatic representatives keep in close touch with Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, as well as the United Nations Secretariat personnel who are working to solve the problem. You may be assured we will continue to do everything possible to help these parties find that fair and lasting solution we all seek.

Sincerely,

Linas Kojelis

Associate Director

Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Andrew A. Athens National Chairman United Hellenic American Congress 112 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 514 Chicago, IL 60603



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Date	August 10, 1983	

For: Mr. William P. Clark

National Security Council

The White House

Reference: Mr. Andrew A. Athens
To: President Reagan From: National Chairman United Hellenic American Congress
Date: July 13, 1983 Subject: Requests attention regarding
the continuing Turkish desecration against Cyprus
WH Referral Dated: August 5, 1983 NSC ID# 154403 (if any)
The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.
Action Taken:
X A draft reply is attached.
A draft reply will be forwarded.
A translation is attached.
An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
Other.

Remarks:

Executive Secretary

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#### DRAFT REPLY

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

#### REFERRAL

AUGUST 5, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 154403

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 13, 1983

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. ANDREW A. ATHENS

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

UNITED HELLENIC AMERICAN CONGRESS

SUITE 514

112 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO IL 60603

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ATTENTION REGARDING THE CONTINUING

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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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112 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 514 / Chicago, Illinois 60603

(312) 580-0111

July 18, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

The ninth anniversary of one of history's most odious invasions is upon us. On July 20, 1974, an independent, small, virtually defenseless island nation was brutally invaded by a vastly superior enemy. That fact alone is repugnant. It is more so since the invader is provided arms by our country, the United States, and is in the western alliance that proclaims it is the bastion of freedom.

Compounding the odiousness even further is the fact that the Turkish desecration against tiny Cyprus continues. Besides those killed by the Turks and billions of dollars of property destruction and damage, 2,000 Greek-Cypriots are still missing, and Turkey refuses to account for them; 200,000 Greek-Cypriots are refugees in their ancestral land of thousands of years; the Turks have 30,000 troops occupying 40% of the most fertile part of the island; and thousands of Turks have been brought to the island to change its pre-invasion demographic composition of 80% Greek-Cypriots and 18% Turkish Cypriots. Freedom, justice, decency, truth, notwithstanding the occasional meek perfunctory pious prounouncements by some in power in the Western Alliance for all practical purposes have all been sacrificed to false notions of national security, convenient expediency, and nurtured by the unsubstantiated claims of national interests.

We are continuing the fight of free and honorable men to rid the soil of Cyprus from the occupying Turk. We shall appreciate very much if you would give this matter your attention.

National Chairman

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FOR: Mr. William P. Clark

National Security Council

The White House

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REFERENCE:						
TO: _	Mr. Larry Speakes	FROM: Mr. Daniel Crystal				
DATE: _	April 26, 1983	SUBJECT: Armenian Genocide				
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REMARKS:

for Charles Hill Executive Secretary

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Washington, D.C. 20520

29 AUG 1983

Dear Mr. Crystal:

Thank you for your April 26 letter to Mr. Larry Speakes reregarding issues raised by the article "Armenian Terrorism: A
Profile," which appeared in the August 1982 issue of the Department of State Bulletin, and for enclosing the editorial
on this matter which appeared in The Record. I sincerely
regret the delay in this response.

I am pleased to confirm to you that neither the article, 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. Policy statements which are a part of the public record remain there and speak for themselves.

As you can understand, the Administration remains deeply concerned over the concerted efforts of some terrorist groups to invoke the tragic events of 1915 as a pretext for terrorism against Turkish diplomats and private and public activities of Turkey and Turks around the world. The United States Government condemns most strongly all such acts of terror.

We sincerely desire to end the unfortunate controversy generated by the <u>Bulletin</u> article. To that end, the <u>Department</u> of State has published the following editor's note in the <u>May 1983</u> issue of the <u>Department of State</u> Bulletin.

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Regarding your request for copies of letters we may have written to Mr. Asadourian, I regret we cannot provide this information to you. Due to the Privacy Act, we cannot

Mr. Daniel Crystal,
Associate Editor,
The Reporter,
Hamilton Street,
Paterson, New Jersey 97505.

release the contents of correspondence with individual citizens without their prior consent.

I hope that the above clarification will alleviate any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

John Hughes
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

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#### REFERRAL

**AUGUST 3, 1983** 

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 26, 1983

TO:

LARRY SPEAKES

FROM:

MR. DANIEL CRYSTAL ASSOCIATE EDITOR

THE REPORTER HAMILTON STREET PATERSON NJ 07505

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES NEWSARTICLES REGARDING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAVING COMMITTED GENOCIDE AGAINST THE ARMENIANS IN 1915 - WOULD LIKE COPY OF ANY LETTER THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT TO HAGOP H. ASADOURIAN ON THIS SUBJECT IN ANSWER TO LETTER HE SENT TO RONALD REAGAN IN FEB

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

ROBERT KIMMITTENL

SUBJECT:

Letter from Daniel Crystal regarding Armenian

genocide

We concur with the attached draft reply from the State Department to Mr. Crystal's letter of April 26, 1983, regarding Armenian genocide.

Attachment:

Draft Reply
Daniel Crystal's letter

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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Bob Kimmitt:

Would you please send the attached to Sally Kelley.

Thank you.

Jack Matlock

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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FOR: Mr. William P. Clark

National Security Council

The White House

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REMARKS:

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

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REFERRAL

JULY 18, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF ANNE HIGGINS

REMARKS: ASAP AS REQUESTED BY ANNE HIGGINS, DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



Passaic County Bar Association County Court House, Room 212 Hamilton Street Paterson, N. J. 07505 (201) 345-4585

Jay Feldman, Editor-in-Chief

Daniel Crystal, Associate Editor

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155418

April 26, 1983

Larry Speakes Press Secretary The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Speakes:

I am the Associate Editor of <u>The Reporter</u>, the bimonthly publication of the Passaic County, New Jersey, Bar Association. Our publication deals very broadly with matters of interest to the legal profession. I may say with considerable pride that our current issue includes tributes to the late Mr. Justice Abe Fortas by both Chief Justice Burger and Justice Brennan.

My reason for writing you is with respect to the enclosed material from today's Bergen Record, a most prestigious paper in our State. One enclosure is a reprint of a letter from Hagop H. Asadourian to the President with respect to the disclaimer that the Turkish government committed a genocide against the Armenians in 1915. Mr. Asadourian has received no reply to his anguished rejoinder to the latter comment made in the August 1982 issue of the State Department Bulletin. The second enclosure is an editorial by the Record, "Whitewashing genocide."

I am forwarding these two documents to you together with the request that you in turn give them directly to the President and request that he reply to Mr. Asadourian. I also ask that you send us a copy of any letter sent to Mr. Asadourian. We will be pleased to publish it. I realize that the President receives many letters daily and am accordingly taking the liberty of passing this material on to you. I personally find the article in the State Department Bulletin to be abhorrent and the purported "explanation" by the State Department to be a paradigm of a non-answer. I may add that, as an American Jew, I had an entire family of relatives wiped out in the Warsaw Ghetto. I too have been deeply troubled about attempts by some "historians" to revise history to claim that there was no Holocaust by the Nazis. I do believe with utmost respect that a letter from the President to Mr. Asadourian replying sympathetically to the latter's letter would be most appropriate. I believe the honor of our country demands that the record be set straight with respect to this clumsy attempt to rewrite history.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Crystal Associate Editor

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SOCIETIES, INC.

STREET: 821 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA

STATE: NY ZIP: 10017

CITY: NEW YORK

COUNTRY:

TITLE: PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE

PEOPLE OF TURKSIH ORIGIN WHO PRESENTLY

SURVIVE IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN PAKISTAN

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

10/7/83

TO: BOB KIMMITT

FROM PETER SOMMER

I recommend that you sign the attached self-explanatory memo to Sally Kelley.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

A ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Turkish Refugees in Pakistan

The NSC staff concurs with the attached draft reply to the Federation of Turkish-American Societies prepared by the State Department.

Tab A Draft Reply

#### SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Akyali:

Thank you for your recent letter, addressed to the President of the United States of America, concerning the situation of Afghans and Central Asians of Turkic origin.

Since the inception of the U. S. refugee program for
Afghans in mid-1980, the U. S. has accepted over 11,000 Afghans
for resettlement in the United States. As of August, 1983,
approximately 2,300 Afghans had been accepted for entry into
the U. S. for Fiscal Year 1983 alone, that is from October 1,
1982, to September 30, 1983. Of the 6,000 refugees who are
expected to be accepted from the Near East in Fiscal Year 1984,
about half will probably be Afghans. Many other Afghans come to
the U.S. through normal immigration channels. Records are not
kept of the number of Afghans of Turkic descent accepted by the
U. S. refugee program; however, since the program admits Afghan
refugees without regard to their ethnic origin, perhaps many
of those accepted are Turkic-Afghans.

Mr. Dincer Akyali, President
Federation of Turkish American Societies, Inc.
821 United Nations Plaza
New York, N. Y. 10017

The contributions of Americans of Turkic ethnic origin to the cultural, religious, and economic life of the United States have indeed been impressive, and the United States appreciates the richness of those contributions. It is unfortunate, however, that the impetus that caused many Turkic-Afghans to seek refuge in the United States was their displacement from their homeland.

While under the law we cannot single out Afghans of Turkic origin for participation in the U. S. refugee program, we can assure you that individual applicants from this particular ethnic group, considered as nationals of Afghanistan, will receive every possible consideration for resettlement in the United States should they meet the eligibility requirements.

We hope that the information provided in this letter will be useful for you.

Sincerely yours,

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MR. DINCER AKYALI

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FEDERATION OF TURKISH-AMERICAN

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821 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA

NEW YORK NY 10017

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE

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Regional experts for Central Asia in the Department of State will confirm that the peoples of this area are being deprived of their religious and cultural rights and liberties, and rapidly becoming Russianized under an unmatched oppressive regime.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

October 11, 1983

Dear Ambassador Elekdag:

The President has asked me to reply to your kind invitation for him to join your upcoming National Day Celebration. The President deeply regrets that his schedule will not permit him to attend, however, he has asked me to convey the high esteem he has for Turkey and the great importance we attach to our Alliance. The President extends his sincere congratulations to the government and the people of Turkey on this important date.

I previously regretted your invitation because of the President's trip to Asia. With the revised schedule, I will try to attend. However, to ensure NSC representation, I would like to send a delegation from my staff comprised of: Donald Fortier, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Political-Military Affairs; Peter Sommer, Director, European and Soviet Affairs; and Philip Dur, Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs. All three work on various aspects of our relations with Turkey.

Thank you for writing. Let me convey again the President's sincere regret that he will not be able to attend.

Sincerely,

William P. Clark

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER (

SUBJECT:

Invitation to the President to Attend Turkish

National Day

The Turkish Ambassador has written directly to the President inviting him to attend a reception at the Turkish Embassy celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic. State has recommended that we stick to our standard policy of not having the President attend national day celebrations (Tab II). While we should not deviate from our standard policy, we should send the Turkish Ambassador an upbeat reply, which, inter alia expresses interest in strengthening contacts between the Turkish Embassy and the NSC staff.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the reply to Ambassador Elekdag at Tab I.

Approve\_\_\_\_\_Disapprove\_\_\_\_

Don Fortier and Phill Dur concur.

Tab I Reply to Amb. Elekdag

Tab II Elekdag's incoming and State's recommendation



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For: Mr. William P. Clark

National Security Council

The White House

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This year we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic, a member of NATO and a strong ally of the United States.

ear Mr. President,

It is my distinct pleasure to extend to Your Excellency and Mrs. Reagan, a cordial invitation to honour a reception at our Embassy on Thursday, October 27, which will indeed be more meaningful by your presence.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Şükrü Elekdağ Ambassador of the Turkish Republic

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