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1. (~~S~~) AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED TO DRAW FROM THIS CABLE TO AUGMENT HIS REFTTEL APPROACH TO BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS REGARDING IRAQ. THE INTENT IS TO SET THE STAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PLANNED APPROACH TO PRESIDENT SEZER AT THEIR MEETING IN PRAGUE NOVEMBER 20 TO SECURE A GOT "YES" TO OUR IRAQ-RELATED REQUESTS. WHILE EXPRESSING THE PRESIDENT'S HOPE THAT HE WILL RECEIVE POSITIVE RESPONSES TO OUR REQUESTS FROM PRESIDENT SEZER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO STRESS:

-- OUR ALL-OUT, HIGH-LEVEL EFFORT TO PROMOTE A DATE TO BEGIN EU ACCESSION TALKS AT COPENHAGEN;

-- THE NEED FOR TURKISH EFFORTS TO HELP REACH A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT BEFORE COPENHAGEN;

-- OUR INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE, ASSUMING FULL TURKISH SUPPORT ON IRAQ (WITHOUT ENTERING INTO A) DISCUSSION ON OUR SPECIFIC NUMBERS OR TO REACT TO THE NUMBERS TH E GOT HAS PUT FORWARD SO FAR); AND

-- AS DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL OZKOK AND AMBASSADOR LOGOGLU, THE

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LEVELS OF OUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE LEVEL OF TURKISH EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF A POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION IN IRAQ AND CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE IMF PROGRAM.

2. (S) AMBASSADOR IS ASKED TO ADD ONE SPECIFIC MILITARY REQUEST TO THOSE CONTAINED REFTEL: PERMISSION FOR COORDINATION CELLS TO ARRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND COMMENCE CONTRACTS AND CONSTRUCTION COORDINATION FOR PREPARATORY TASKS AT THOSE SITES APPROVED BY TURKEY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT DIRECTLY WITH EUCOM PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH TO OBTAIN DETAILS ON CELL COORDINATION VISITS. YOU CAN INFORM YOUR HOSTS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS IN CONSTRUCTION AT THESE BASES (FIGURES STILL BEING FINALIZED), AS WE DISCUSSED WITH GEN. OZKOK IN WASHINGTON. SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, CARRIED OUT WITH GOT/TGS INPUT AND APPROVAL, WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS UPGRADES TO NATO BASES. AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO PASS ALONG FORMALLY THAT WE NO LONGER CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO SEND USG SITE SURVEY TEAMS TO THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE TGS.

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