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Dear Joe,

We share Bill Macomber's concern over the status of negotiations with Turkey and, in response to your letter of 19 March, have made another searching review of possible ways to reinforce the present list of DoD supplementary assistance offers. While they are not of a dramatic nature, we have identified a few additional items which may prove to be useful.

The following helicopters and vessels could be made available in FY 1977. Prices would vary depending on method of funding (MAP or FMS). In the case of these vessels, as well as those previously listed, a lease or loan could be arranged instead of funding under MAP or FMS. However, any type of transfer would require Congressional approval.

- a. At least 36 UH-1B helicopters (MAP - \$81.6K ea; FMS - \$49K ea).
- b. One submarine rescue ship (MAP - \$1.17M; FMS - \$190K).
- c. Two Fram I destroyers (MAP - \$2.5 ea; FMS - \$200 K).

If Turkish access to US satellite communications before 1980 would promote a favorable outcome of the negotiations, we could provide this access as early as October 1978.

Unfortunately, additional types of attrition aircraft which would be of use to the Turks are not available. There are no F/TF-104Gs in the US inventory and of the few F-5s we do have, none is excess to our own needs.

Regarding co-production, it might be more effective to promote the general concept rather than specific items. Aside from the need for significant capital investment, our co-production suggestions so far may not have appealed to the Turks because they do not fit the Turkish perception of their own needs. Once we have an idea of what the Turks

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might want in the area of co-production, we then could make an effort to determine how we could help satisfy their desires.

As pointed out in your letter, equipment which normally would have to be transferred under MAP or FMS could be provided to Turkey at no cost if the offer of such assistance is in a new defense cooperation agreement approved by Congress. This approach might sweeten the pot during the current negotiating phase. However, it could prove counter-productive in our efforts to win Congressional acceptance of the new agreement. Assistance provided by this method would amount to grant aid and, as in the case of recent Spanish negotiations, Congress could be expected to resist authorization for grant aid outside existing legislation for that purpose. Furthermore, constituent psychology associated with an itemized list of military hardware as opposed to a bland dollar figure could create or increase opposition to the agreement in certain Congressional Quarters.

We are aware that the items we are able to offer as supplementary assistance are not impressive in relation to actual Turkish needs or desires. However, in combination, they do provide some basis for the Turks to justify acceptance of the basic US assistance offer, if they are so inclined.

Sincerely,

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