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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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The Honorable Haluk Bayulken
Minister of National Defense
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Bakanliklar
Ankara, Turkey

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Dear Colleague:

(S) As I mentioned in my letter of October 1, 1982, the Frigate Program for your Navy was one of the key issues addressed at the recently concluded Defense Industrial Cooperation Meeting here in Washington. We view the Frigate Program as an important element in the overall Turkish Force Modernization Plan. In this regard, we have, as you know, received approval in principle from President Reagan for a multiyear security assistance profile to help Turkey modernize its forces. We shall use our FY 83 security assistance request as the base on which to build the multiyear profile. We hope to obtain substantial increases above the base.

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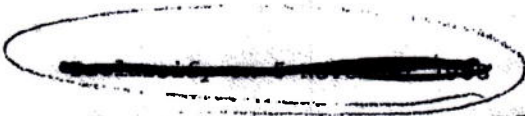
(S) Within this overall effort I am pleased to report that, should you desire, we would be willing to authorize dependable undertaking financing for the acquisition of United States weapon and communication systems required for your four German-designed frigates. We trust that, before you make a firm decision on financing for the frigate program, full consideration will be given to how the decision will affect the other items in your Force Modernization Plan. We are confident that the best results will emerge from treatment of the Plan as a whole, rather than from assessing specific items in isolation.

(S) If you decide to use the extraordinary financing of dependable undertaking for the frigate program, the Turkish General Staff would have to initiate reprogramming actions to cover the difference between the \$180M currently programmed and the approximately \$200M we understand the project will actually cost.

(S) As you know, we have already agreed to this extraordinary financing for the acquisition of 920 kits to support your tank modernization program and your purchase of additional F-4E's from Egypt (assuming satisfactory terms are agreed upon with the Egyptians). With the inclusion of the frigate systems in this financing program, a preliminary analysis indicates that we have reached our prudent limit. Therefore, we cannot approve further requests for dependable undertaking financing pending a detailed review of the situation. This review will take about 60 days, and we will advise the Turkish General Staff of the results.

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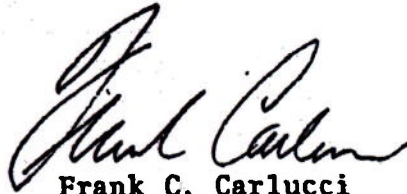
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(S) I am pleased that we can now start to develop an estimated security assistance profile to address the overall modernization of Turkish forces and that, as an important part of this effort, we would agree to extraordinary funding for the Frigate Program, should you desire it. I look forward to close cooperation with you in this important effort.

Sincerely,



Frank C. Carlucci
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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