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FROM USDP/OPS-A
SUBJECT: TURKISH REQUEST FOR DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING FINANCING (U)
REFERENCE: 29 AUG 83 LETTER FROM TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO SECDEF
WEINBERGER

1. REF TRANSMITTED A REQUEST FROM TURKISH MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE U. HALUK BAYULKEN FOR DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING FINANCING OF M48 TANK CONVERSION KITS AND AH-15 COBRA HELICOPTERS.

2. THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM SECRETARY WEINBERGER IS QUOTED:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: QUOTE
THE HONORABLE U. HALUK BAYULKEN
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
MILLI SAVUNMA BAKANIGI
BAKANLIKLAR
ANKARA, TURKEY
DEAR COLLEAGUE:

REGARDING YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 18, 1983, WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS TO MODERNIZE THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES. THE MODERNIZATION OF THE M48A1 TANKS AND THE ACQUISITION OF AH-15 (COBRA) ATTACK HELICOPTERS ARE IMPORTANT STEPS IN THIS ENDEAVOR. WE NOW HAVE AGREED TO THE USE OF DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING FINANCING FOR KITS FOR UPGRADE OF 1520 M48A1 TANKS. HOWEVER, OUR ABILITY TO EXTEND THIS FINANCING TO THE AH-15 PROGRAM IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME.

THERE ARE SEVERAL ASPECTS WHICH COMPLICATE THE FINANCIAL PICTURE. CONGRESS HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS ACTION ON THE PRESIDENT'S FY1984 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BUDGET REQUEST. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE NOT YET SURE AS TO THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING FY1984. WHEN THIS IS KNOWN, PROVISIONS MUST BE WORKED OUT FOR FINANCING THE INITIAL INCREMENT OF THE F-16C/D PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE 15 F-4E'S WHICH WERE OFFERED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PERLE DURING THE JUNE 1983 HIGH LEVEL DEFENSE GROUP MEETINGS.

I HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GENERAL EAST TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION. ONCE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACTION IS COMPLETE, AND PAYMENT ESTIMATES ARE REFINED FOR THE F-16C/D AND F-4E PROGRAMS, WE CAN ADDRESS FINANCING OF THE ENTIRE AH-15 PROGRAM.

SINCERELY, END QUOTE
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