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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Security Assistance to Turkey

The President has approved your recommendation, which reflected interagency consensus, to inform the Turkish Government that we favor in principle an extended security assistance profile to help Turkey modernize its forces. Assistant Secretary Perle is authorized to discuss this concept, along the lines of your October 5 memorandum to the President, during the talks starting on October 7, 1982.

Turkey

Our ability to obtain Congressional approval for increased security assistance levels will depend to a large degree on reciprocal assurances from Turkey that support U.S. objectives in the region. Our support of the modernization program should be used to enhance our position in the bilateral collocated operating base negotiations and in discussions concerning further cooperation in the defense of Southwest Asia.

the overall climate for discussion of all subjects should be enhanced by our support of the Turkish modernization program.

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cc: The Secretary of State
The Director of OMB

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