

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ANKARA 08983 01 OF 02 091731Z
ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 EB-04 INR-05 CIAE-00 NSAE-00
L-01 EUR-08 NSC-05 SP-02 OES-02 /045 W
-----124751 091832Z /47

P 091535Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9799
INFO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WASHDC PRIORITY
HQ COAST GUARD WASHDC PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY LONDON
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
CINCUSAFE
CINCEUR
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 ANKARA 8983

LIMDIS

LONDON FOR U.S. COAST GUARD - CAPT FUECHSEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, TU
SUBJECT: U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION: KARGABURUN LORAN
STATION

1. IN RECENT MONTHS, MISSION AND U.S. COAST GUARD ACTIVITIES,
EUROPE OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY/FEASIBILITY
OF PHASED PROGRAM TO TURN KARGABURUN LORAN-C STATION OVER TO
TURKISH MANAGEMENT. MISSION, AS IS THE COAST GUARD, HAS BEEN
CONCERNED OVER DEGRADATION OF LORAN-C COVERAGE IN THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN SINCE SUSPENSION OF KARGABURUN OPERATIONS IN
JULY 1975, AS WELL AS LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF KARGABURUN AS
U.S.-OPERATED FACILITY. OUR REVIEW HAS TENTATIVELY CON-
CLUDED THAT GOT MILITARY OR CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES, WITH TRAINING
AND SUPPORT BY THE COAST GUARD OVER A PERIOD TO BE AGREED UPON
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ANKARA 08983 01 OF 02 091731Z

WITH THE GOT, WOULD BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING KARGABURUN TO BOTH
U.S. AND TURKISH BENEFIT IN PROVIDING NAVIGATIONAL DATA FOR
MARINE TRAFFIC AND AVIATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE
TURKS, HOWEVER, DO NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO ASSUME
CONTROL AND OPERATE KARGABURUN IMMEDIATELY, AND WE WOULD EN-
VISAGE PERHAPS A ONE TO THREE YEAR TURNOVER PERIOD DEPENDING ON
TRAINING AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.

2. TO THIS END, WE ASKED COAST GUARD EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES OFFICE TO PROVIDE A TALKING PAPER SPELLING OUT THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES TO THE TURKS OF SUCH A TURNOVER AND POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A PROGRAM FOR U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING AND SUPPORT. THESE IDEAS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT YET BEEN BROACHED WITH THE GOT AND, AT THIS STAGE, WE ARE SEEKING WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON A POSSIBLE TURNOVER PROPOSAL BASED ON THE TALKING PAPER PER TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL MIGHT BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE GOT AND THAT WE COULD INITIATE DISCUSSIONS SOON TO SOUND THE TURKS OUT AND TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON A TURNOVER PLAN. SUBSEQUENTLY, TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE GOT TO WORK OUT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PLAN, INCLUDING TRAINING AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION OF THE KARGABURUN TURNOVER PLAN MUST BE PHASED WITH USG ACTION ON THE U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (KARGABURUN STATION IS LISTED AMONG THE FACILITIES IN ARTICLE III (1) OF THE DCA).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE TALKING PAPER BELOW AND ON THE FEASIBILITY AND TIMING OF INITIATING CONTACTS WITH THE GOT REGARDING THE FUTURE OF KARGABURUN.

4. TALKING PAPER: BEGIN TEXT
IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RETURN THE FACILITY AT KARGABURUN TO NORMAL OPERATION. ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ANKARA 08983 01 OF 02 091731Z

GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY BY PERMITTING FULL OPERATION ARE MANY:

AS EXAMPLES:

1. PERMITTING ACCURATE SURVEYS AND REPEATABLE POSITION INFORMATION IN THE CURRENT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND FUTURE EXPLOITATION OF DISCOVERIES ON THE TURKISH CONTINENTAL SHELF.
2. AS A POSITIONING AID IN FUTURE SEABED MINING.
3. TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL TIME DATA FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAM IN TURKEY, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL OBSERVATORY. AN INTERESTING POSSIBLE APPLICATION WOULD BE REAL-TIME CONTROL OF MARINE TRAFFIC IN THE BOSPHORUS AND DARDANELLES.
4. TO PROVIDE NAVIGATIONAL DATA FOR FUTURE EXPANSION/MODERNIZATION OF TURKISH MERCHANT SHIPPING, COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AND CIVIL AVIATION.

LACK OF THIS FACILITY HAS PRESENTED PROBLEMS TO THE SHIPPING AND CIVIL AVIATION INTERESTS OF NATO ALLIES OPERATING IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THEREFORE WISHES TO ADVANCE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

THAT THE NAVIGATIONAL FACILITY AT KARGABURUN BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATION.

THAT U.S. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL WOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND THE OPERATION TURNED OVER TO TURKISH PERSONNEL FOR HOST NATION OPERATION IN THE MANNER WHICH HAS WORKED SUCCESSFULLY FOR YEARS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF NORWAY, DENMARK, ICELAND AND CANADA.

THAT THE TURKISH PERSONNEL AS SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY BE TRAINED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TRANSMITTING, TIMING, SWITCHING, POWER GENERATION, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT THE KARGABURUN FACILITY.

THAT THE FULL OPERATION OF THE FACILITY BE ASSUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY AT THE TIME SUFFICIENT TRAINED TURKISH CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 ANKARA 08983 01 OF 02 091731Z

PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

THAT PERSONNEL NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO FILL TECHNICAL ELECTRONIC AND DIESEL GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR POSITIONS BE SUFFICIENTLY CONVERSANT WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SO AS TO BE ABLE TO DERIVE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FROM INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ANKARA 08983 02 OF 02 091735Z
ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 EB-04 INR-05 CIAE-00 NSAE-00
L-01 EUR-08 NSC-05 SP-02 OES-02 /045 W
-----124830 091831Z /47

P 091535Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9800
INFO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WASHDC PRIORITY
HQ COAST GUARD WASHDC PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY LONDON
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
CINCUSAFE
CINCEUR

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 ANKARA 8983

LIMDIS

LONDON FOR U.S. COAST GUARD - CAPT FUECHSEL

THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY RETAIN AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE FACILITY.

THAT UPON FULL TURKISH OPERATION OF THE FACILITY, ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BE PERMITTED FULL AND FREE ACCESS TO THE FACILITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF EQUIPMENT MODIFICATION, INSTALLATION OF NEWLY DEVELOPED EQUIPMENT AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT.

THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE FULL LOGISTICS AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT TO THE FACILITY INCLUDING SPARE AND REPAIR PARTS FOR ALL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO PROPER OPERATION, REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY FOR SALARIES OF NECESSARY TURKISH PERSONNEL, ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING SUPPORT AS REQUIRED FOR PROPER OPERATION AND NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION, AND CIVIL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ANKARA 08983 02 OF 02 091735Z

ENGINEERING SUPPORT INCLUDING TRANSMITTING TOWER INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE.

THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR TURKISH PERSONNEL IN THE MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING OF INSTALLED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, ANY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE FUTURE, DIESEL GENERATING EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE A LIAISON OFFICER AND TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR AS LONG AS BOTH GOVERNMENTS FEEL NECESSARY.

THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE SERVICE AREA MONITOR AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL THROUGH EXISTING MONITOR FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF TURKEY. END TEXT
SPIERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LORAN, TRACKING STATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 09-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ANKARA08983
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770459-0220
Format: TEL
From: ANKARA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771275/aaaacpv.tel
Line Count: 215
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 13b02308-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 301163
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION: KARGABURUN LORAN STATION
TAGS: MARR, TU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/13b02308-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009