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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Turgut Ozal,
Prime Minister of Republic of Turkey

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister
Notetaker: Barry Lowenkron

DATE, TIME: October 2, 1989, 3:32 - 3:37 pm
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Ozal: I am calling to raise an issue of grave concern. Senator Dole has introduced a resolution on Armenia that is now supported by 56 Senators. It calls for April 24 1990 to be dedicated to the victims of the so-called genocide of Armenians by the Turks. (Ø)

The President: How are you doing on the publication of the archives? (Ø)

Prime Minister Ozal: When I came into office the archives were closed. I ordered them opened. (Ø)

The President: We'll look into the resolution. We don't want to do anything to disrupt relations. Maybe we can get the archive material to carry the day. I'll talk to General Scowcroft and others. (Ø)

Prime Minister Ozal: The resolution would damage our relations. (Ø)

The President: Oh damn. (U)

Prime Minister Ozal: I'm trying to tell you the truth. (U)

The President: I appreciate that. (U)

Prime Minister Ozal: I'm counting on you Mr. President. (U)

The President: We'll look into it. Tell me, how are you doing in general? (U)

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Prime Minister Ozal: The Senate Judiciary Committee will act on the resolution on October 5. Can I count on you? (S)

The President: We'll try to be helpful. (S)

Prime Minister Ozal: Thank you. (U)

The President: Thank you for calling me and bringing this to my attention. (U)

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