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PRIME MINISTER'S

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Margaret:

I was deeply pleased to learn of President Evren's announcement that parliamentary elections will be held in Turkey on November 6, 1983. Taken together with the just-issued law authorizing organization of political parties, lifting of the ban on political discussion and debate, and submission of the election law to full debate in the Consultative Assembly, formal setting of a date for election marks substantial progress on the road to establishment of full democratic government in Turkey.

I hope you will join me in publicly welcoming this development and in applauding the steadfastness shown by the Turkish Government in carrying out the return to democracy.

Sincerely,

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