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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman of Turkish Republican Peoples Party

Bulent Ecevit, Chairman of the Republican Peoples Party, will be in Washington on 28 and 29 July for a "private" visit. The State Department has made arrangements for him to meet with the President and Secretary Kissinger.

Ecevit wants to meet with Secretary Rumsfeld, recalling his meeting with him at Bilderberg last year. Considering Ecevit's influence in Turkish Foreign Affairs and the Defense Department's interest in Turkey, we believe such a meeting would be useful.

State has provided three times (below), in order of desirability, when Ecevit would be available. If approved, we will confirm the meeting and provide appropriate background papers.

Assistant Secretary of Defense 2 6 JUL 1976 1700, 28 July (NK)] Ordering happens to be 1130, 29 July _____ Jondering happens to be in order of ease on your 0900, 29 July _____ Schedule, otor. **APPROVE:**

DISAPPROVE

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