

From: [REDACTED] Ankara -Conf
Sent: 18 January 2008 14:38
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maritime Regional Engagement Plan (MREPs)

[REDACTED]

During this morning's meeting to discuss the potential for HMS ILLUSTRIOUS to play a role in the forthcoming Royal Visit I linked it to a letter that I have been asked to forward to you from [REDACTED] (COMUKMARFOR). I attach the letter below with highlights to key passages:

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You will see mention of MREPs, which have been drawn up with the help of our key MOD interlocutors, Policy and Defence Relations North (PDR(N)), and the request by the Admiral to assess his ships' effectiveness against these. Although this letter was sent before the most recent programme change it remains apposite and in due course I will aim to pen a letter for you to respond. However, this would not be complete without the MREPs themselves and thus I also attach the relevant papers.

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The first gives the overview and rationale and the second outlines regional specific interests and objectives. [REDACTED]. Again, in order for you to home in on the key points I have highlighted appropriate paragraphs of interest.

[REDACTED] also Cc'ed because in an attempt to be more cross-government there is also specific mention of SOCA interests in the region.

[REDACTED]

From : [REDACTED] Ankara –Conf

Sent : 18 January 2008 15:05

To : [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Visit

[REDACTED]
I met with the Ambassador this morning [REDACTED] when I informed him of our positive discussions vis-a-vis the possibility of LUST being available in Istanbul. He also made me aware that the Istanbul day for HM may well now be the Friday, which would ease your Speed-Time-Distance constraints considerably, indeed I said that from dark blue perspective the preference that would be the preference. His first co-ordination meeting with the President's staff will be on Monday and unless you suggest or recommend otherwise he is going to propose our plan to use the ship and apply early pressure to secure an alongside berth in the face of seasonal cruise liner activity and potentially heavy demand for space.

On the basis of a picture tells a thousand words please see attached pictorial of Salpazan Quay.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 January 2008 15:22
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: What are you doing on 18 Feb 08?

Guys

News about the berthing arrangements. Alongside the quay would be excellent. I hope [REDACTED] can fix it.

[REDACTED]

---Original Message---

From : [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 January 2008 14:44
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: What are you doing on 18 Feb 08?

[REDACTED]

I was speaking to [REDACTED] today about access to shipping berths and he has very kindly written to [REDACTED] - see below. Could you please pass to the person who is dealing with the programme and make sure it is incorporated somewhere during the day.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 12:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: What are you doing on 18 Feb 08?

A yes from the Shipping Agents who shall be able to meet with the recce team.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 January 2008 13:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE What are you doing on 18 Feb 08?

Dear [REDACTED]

Re your email noted with thanks

Hope you and all family fine.

I am very sorry for my too late reply

We will arrange visit of salpazan pier for you and visitors, on Monday I will send you draft details of the pier, we may have problem because of the draft but will confirm to you after check once again the draft with port authorities. As I know at the beginning of the quay draft is 8.30 meters and deepest end draft is abt 10 meters, abt a meter a way from the pier draft reach upto 12 so we may use large fenders or pontoon which can be discuss during your visit.

Sorry once again for my late reply

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
This msg send by mobile device

-----original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29.01.08 14:36
Subject: What are you doing on 18 Feb 08?

[REDACTED]

İyi günler, nasilsiniz? Uzun zamana kadar biz konuşmadık!

The reason I communicate is to ask whether either you or [REDACTED] will be available, if required, on 18 February to briefly show staff from the British Consulate plus visitors to the shipping berths at Karakoy Quay and the southernmost end of Salipazan Quay. I am currently attempting to facilitate a port visit to Istanbul by one of our capital ships later in the year and this team will need to do a reconnaissance of where we would hope, subject to approval from Turkish authorities to berth her. The ship in question needs a minimum water depth of 10.3 metres at the berth and is 210 metres in length. The precise time and meeting arrangements for the recce team will be decided in due course.

I am a little more cautious over the information that I can give you at the moment but you will learn all about it fully if the idea comes to fruition