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Lt. General Lawrence F. Skibbie, USA (Ret.)
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Dear General Skibbie:

I am pleased that the American Defense Preparedness Association and the American Friends of Turkey are organizing the American Pavilion for the 3rd International Defence Equipment & Aviation Exhibition in Ankara Turkey November 13-17-1991.

Cooperation between the United States and the Republic of Turkey was evidenced in Operation Desert Storm as well as Provide Comfort. It is indicative of the close ongoing ties with the Turkish Government and the continuing dialogue to promote our mutual interest in security and industrial strength.

IDEA '91 is a special opportunity not only to augment our relationship with Turkey but also to promote the U.S. industrial base through further international exposure. The role of industry-to-industry cooperation which is fostered by events as IDEA is an important complement to our security efforts. I encourage participation, and wish every success for U.S. industry at the 3rd International Defence Equipment & Aviation Exhibition.