Confirmed ANAP Seats in Assembly Reach 292
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[Text] Ankara (A.A.)—The latest returns except for yet uncounted 2,599 ballot boxes gave the ruling Motherland Party (ANAP) of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal 292 seats in the 450 seat parliament.

The ratio of votes received by ANAP is calculated as 36.30 percent.

The latest figure for main opposition Social Democratic Populist Party is 24.66 percent amounting to 97 seats.

The True Path Party (conservative) [Correct Way Party] which is the third party which won entry to the parliament by getting votes in excess of ten percent of the nationwide vote, won 61 seats with a vote ratio of 19.32.

The official final results are expected to be obtained by Tuesday.

CUMHURIYET Questions U.S. Use of Incirlik Base TA261516 Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish 21 Nov 87 pp 1, 10

[Hasan Cemal editorial: "Is Incirlik Under Our Control?"]

[Text] Does the United States use the Incirlik Air Base as a result of a fait accompli? Can Washington use this base for purposes other than those stipulated by NATO? Can it for example use this base as a springboard in a military operation directed toward the Gulf?

We are aware that the official reply to all the above questions is no. Incirlik is under our full control, it cannot be used against our national interests. Its use is limited by NATO goals, and use in any other way without Turkey's approval is out of the question.

Ankara's official stand, based on existing bilateral agreements signed with the United States, does not eliminate certain justified doubts about Washington's use of Incirlik. The reasons for these doubts can be found in news reports which appeared in our banner headlines yesterday and today.

According to an initial report dispatched by our Washington correspondent Ufuk Guldemir, Irangate's outstanding hero, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, and a special unit under his command arrived in Turkey in 1980 and were stationed at a U.S. Air Force base located in eastern Turkey. They were awaiting developments regarding the exchange of U.S. hostages with Iran. Lt Col North reported about these activities to the National Security Council in a memorandum dated 3 June 1980. An official from the American congressional committee dealing with this scandal has confirmed to Cumhuriyet that this document is included in the Irangate file.

It is a known fact that no "U.S. Air Force base" exists in eastern Turkey other than in Incirlik. This means that Lt Col North arrived in Adana in 1980 and stayed in Incirlik with a unit under his command for purposes other than those stipulated by NATO.

Was Ankara informed of this incident?

In a statement to *Cumhuriyet* yesterday on this subject, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ambassador Inal Batu said that this question should be directed to the Office of the Chief of the General Staff.

Will that office feel the necessity to make a statement on this issue?

Though 7 years have gone by since that incident, the situation in the Gulf has grown worse. The possibility that Turkey can be faced with a fait accompli has not lessened.

Moreover, a dispatch from Ankara reported in our banner headline today justifies our sensitivity on the issue of Incirlik. The following passage from the October 1987 issue of the Air Force Magazine is significant:

Developments in the [Gulf] region in favor of Iran are definitely against U.S. world interests. An intervention by U.S. Mobile Forces, trained for years for this purpose, in the region is a serious possibility. Should such an operation be undertaken, Incirlik would serve as the artery of that operation. Turkey is opposed to such a use. Should Turkey not be able to have full control of the installation's administration, or determine the movement of incoming and outgoing aircraft and units, it may find itself involved in hot clashes in the Gulf.

We find any addition to these lines superfluous.

In the light of documents revealed in the Irangate file, it seems we have no choice other than to increase the number of our guards in Incirlik.

Ozal Welcomes Papandreou's Wish To Meet TA300629 Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 0530 GMT 30 Nov 87

[Text] Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has declared that he would welcome Greek Prime Minister Papandreou's wish to meet with him. In response, Papandreou announced that he could meet with Ozal. Ozal made this statement during a news conference for foreign reporters in Ankara. Papandreou was speaking during a news conference in (Aiyion) in the Peloponnese peninsula.

Replying to a question on whether he will meet with Papandreou, Ozal said: I may meet with Papandreou and I welcome his wish to meet. Our contacts with Greece are continuing via our embassies. We are