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The Honorable Ugur Ergun
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Dear Counselor Ergun:

I am writing to supplement the memorandum that I submitted to the Turkish government earlier this spring on the claim that Turkey can make with regard to the ocean space of the eastern Aegean Sea.

A related fact situation is now being adjudicated between France and Canada regarding two small French islands in the Saint Lawrence seaway called St. Pierre and Miquelon. These two French islands are located in the Saint Lawrence and are completely surrounded by Canada and Canada's claimed ocean space. France asserts that these islands should be able to generate a pie-shaped exclusive economic zone extending eastward into the Saint Lawrence. Canada argues on the other hand that these two islands should only be given territorial sea enclaves and should not be entitled to any exclusive economic zone.

The two countries have agreed to submit their dispute to an arbitral panel that will be meeting in New York City later this summer. The decision reached by the arbitral tribunal may well be of some importance to the Turkish position and I wanted to make sure that your government was aware of this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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