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Frau Merkel,

This is the second part of my message in addition to the one I sent you on 13 March 2005, concerning your Motion of 22.02.2005 to the Bundestag.

Your information on the number of the perished, in the course of armed conflicts in the East Anatolia and during the "provisional relocation" is but grossly exaggerated Armenian allegations. For, according to the figures given by the Armenian Patriarchate of İstanbul (being kept today in the US, Archives-Boston) the total number of the Armenians in Turkey before 1915, was 1.950.000. The Ottoman Annals sets the figure at circa 1,5 million. The number of those who came back to their homes following the "Law of Return" enacted by the Ottomans (probably your Suppliers of the text of the Motion did not inform you about this historical fact) on 18 December 1918 is c. 645.000. These are the figures of 1919, registered in the same Patriarchate's annals (all of them were carried first to Lebanon and then to the Centre at Boston for unknown reasons-possibly for hiding information which could shed light on what really had happened in 1915s). Ottoman Archives registers the number of the relocated Armenians to the South at 500.000. Another 500.000 preferred to emigrate temporarily (i.e. not forcefully resettled by the Ottomans) to the Caucasian lands. On the other hand the number of the resettled Armenians is reported to the International Aid Organisations, by the Americans reckons, in 1921, 486.000 individuals in Syria. When 150.000 untouched Ottoman Armenians who had been living in Istanbul and elsewhere in the western part of Anatolia during the year of "relocation" added to these figures, the alleged number of "mass murdered" Armenians (between 1,2 and 1,5 million) in your Motion is totally unfounded, grossly exaggerated. Dr Justin McCarthy, American historian, a specialist on the regretful 1915 events in East Anatolia scrutinised all the archives he could reach, and concluded that if the figure of 1,5 million massacred Armenians is accepted, one has

also to admit that each Armenian died twice! Thus it seems that you and the other Motioners have given false information to the members of the Bundestag.

On the basis of the above, I feel well entitled to ask you why you and your motioner colleagues played on i.e. inflated the numbers.

Have you ever thought or reasoned why the Ottomans had taken the decision of "dislocation" in the Spring of 1915? Was there not a causal relationship with the Tsarist Russian troops' incursion in the Eastern Anatolia?

Furthermore, how about the Ottoman citizens who have been butchered by the Armenian brigands-Chetes, mostly in masses, in collaboration with or under the protection of the Tsarist Russian troops? Weren't these defenceless peasants-children, elderly, women- men, innocent men, human beings? Do you know that the loss of Ottoman Muslims during that time in Eastern Anatolia amounted to more than 500.000? The Ottoman Archives register the names of those who have been ruthlessly killed by the Armenian Chetes, and they are wide open to anybody. Well, the reply to this may come, from a Turkish proponent of the Armenian-case Taner Akçam, once an extreme revolutionary leftist, sentenced c. 8 years for fomenting terrorism and political violence in Turkey, now a visiting scholar at the Armenian Research Centre (ARC) at the University of Michigan-Dearborn as a protégé of Dennis Papazian, the Director of the ARC. He would argue that the Ottoman Archives are interfered with, hence, modified! How does he know it? He knows it, because according to this sociologist, presenting himself now as historian, ravingly supported by the Armenian diaspora because of his hard pro-Armenian views, archive falsifying in Ottoman Empire is a tradition! We call such arguments, putting it rather mildly, "story inventing not through the mind". Yet how can one ensure that the German Archives have not been interfered? It is

now everybody's knowledge that Lepsius documents in the German Archives have been interfered with, and thus lost its originality and credibility. The perpetrator of this falsification is still unknown. By the same reasoning, who can ensure that the Armenian archival documents (never opened to the public for studying and scrutinizing) are not interfered or are not being interfered with? Can we then argue that falsifying the documents are German and perhaps Armenian tradition? How uninterfered could the US, UK and Russian Archives? Who knows?

Believing in such arguments and accusations would lead us believing e.g. in Hans Morgenthau's accusations of Germans' traditions, in fact, traditional -German- practices of deporting the peoples from their homelands in Europe. And I have to quote from his "Ambassador Morgenthau's Story": "But the Armenian proceedings of 1915 and 1916 evidenced an entirely new(Ottoman) mentality. This new conception was that of deportation never before occurred to their (Ottomans') minds to move them (Armenians) bodily from their homes, to send them hundreds of miles away into the desert. Where did the Turks get this idea? Admiral Usedom, one of the big German naval experts in Turkey told me that the Germans had suggested this deportation to the Turks. But all-important point is that this idea of deporting people en masse is, in modern times, exclusively Germanic".

"Anyone who reads the literature of Pan-Germany constantly meets it. These enthusiasts for a German world have deliberately planned, as part of the programme, the ousting of the French from certain parts of France, of Belgians from Belgium, of Poles from Poland, of Slavs from Russia, and other indigenous peoples from the territories which they have inhabited for thousand of years, and the establishment in the vacated lands of solid, honest Germans."

"They have actually been doing it in the last four years. They have moved we do not know how many thousands of Belgians and French from their native land. Austria-Hungary has killed a large part of the Serbian

population and moved thousands of Serbian children into her own territories, intending to bring them up as loyal subjects of the empire. Certain German writers have even advocated the application of this policy to the Armenians. According to the Paris Temps, Paul Rohrbach, in a conference held at Berlin sometime ago, recommended that Armenia should be evacuated of the Armenians. They should be dispersed in the direction of Mesopotamia and their places should be taken by Turks, in such a fashion that Armenia should be freed of all Russian influence and that Mesopotamia might be provided with farmers which it now lacked". What can one say about the above ideas of this Coburg- born – German-hate-American realist, an early supporter of the Vietnam Dictator Ngo Dinh Diem, whose ideas on international relations comprised such ideas as "harsher realities of international politics- a clear-eyed, cold approach to play of interests, egotism and the driving of world affairs-a struggle in which the threat of major war remains, in the end, the only currency". A Hobbesian Clausewitz without ethics?

All archives, including the military archives in all countries should be fully opened and unrestricted access to them must be secured.

The Statement that the Turkish Republic does not accept that the "deportation" (although the word is loosely used, if not intentionally, to serve Armenian allegations) of Armenians planned by the Ottomans is not an accurate one. It is well accepted both by the Ottomans and the Turkish Republic that "dislocating" the Armenian people has been planned and practised by the Ottoman Government for security reasons as the Americans did to Its Japanese citizens, during the 2nd World War. What is not accepted is the accusation a) that it was like the "premeditated, industrialised genocide (or mass murder) that befell the European Jews by Germans", b) that it was in fact a "death march" organised for killing Armenians in masses. It is irrational idea, absurd and groundless. There is no credible evidence to prove the Ottoman intention for genocide or mass

murder. That is why " in England, after the British Government rejected recognizing Turkey's acts against the Armenian nation as Genocide, The House of Lords where the matter subsequently had been placed on its agenda re-rejected it i.e. the Armenian Genocide, on 14 April,1999, ruling that ` the Armenian Genocide could not be proved". Ottomans, and later the Turks, however, accepted and accepts the occurrence of many irregularities, mismanagement, failures during the process of "dislocation" despite the strict government instructions to all provinces concerned for provision of full security for the dislocated. Consequently nearly 1400 responsible officers, soldiers and administrators who have been found in fault in exercising their duties were court -martialled and punished. The sentences included capital punishments for more than half of the accused whose punishments summarily executed. That is, they were hanged, many of them innocent, under the pressure of the occupying military forces of Istanbul, before the eyes of many Armenian agitators and criminals, among whom was the infamous Tehlerian -whose murdering of Talat Pasha was defended, at that Berlin District Court in 1921, by Lepsius in his quality as "Armenian Specialist" who insistently made it clear i.a that in Berlin , from the Imperial Chancellor to the lowest grade(German) official in Anatolia, the whole of the German Foreign Service knew day by day what was happening in Armenia. Hindenburg and Ludendorff were as well aware of every detail as were the veteran von der Golz and Liman von Sanders. The Main Committee of the Reichstag shared the guilty secret, together with photographer Armin Wegner who somehow forgot to shoot even one single photo of a murdered Muslim Ottoman at Van and elsewhere by the Armenians! He seems having turned his eyes away from the Ottoman Muslims murdered en masse by the Armenians - rushing all the males of numerous villages into the mosques then setting it to fire. Yes, "knowledge is virtue" when ethics is sovereign.

Frau Merkel,

I am quite hopeful that you would disagree with the maintaining of politics of hate, hatred, among peoples of the world, among nations, religions and races. Peoples, individuals, nations must reconcile over the conflicts and bitter experiences of the past. This is well and successfully manifested by the creation of the European Union. But how this would be accomplished at other theatres when the Armenian inscription on the Monumental Sculpture's pedestal sponsored mainly by the Armenian Apostolic Church of Vienna reads : "If our children forget this much evil , let the whole world condemn the Armenian people 1915-1985".

Your opinionated Motion based mostly on false premises contains, from the first to the last paragraphs; misinformation, disinformation and thus erroneous assessments and conclusions about some of which I commented. A more comprehensive appraisal of and reply to your Motion demands more precious time for which I will regretfully fail to spend.

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