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Dear Rear Admiral Heper,

On behalf of Admiral Collins, I am responding to your letter of April 30, 2004. The U.S. Coast Guard applauds your initiative to establish a Coast Guard Auxiliary in Turkey. We are honored that you desire to use the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as a model in this endeavor.

To assist you, we shall create a detailed package with historical and current information regarding the policies and practices that have helped shape the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary during its 65 years of existence. Our Office of International Affairs and Foreign Policy shall be in contact with your Naval Attaché, Lieutenant Commander Gulec, to establish preliminary liaison and coordination of our support.

Thank you for inquiring with us and for considering the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as the model in such a noble venture. You have our best wishes for utmost success in achievement of your goal.

Sincerely,

APPROVED

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