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Inquiry into the developments on the Gallipoli Peninsula

Please find below as requested the transcript of notes from an interview with Professor Mustafa Yalinkilic, head of Turkey's National parks Directorate.

Again I realise that it is probably too late to make any comments on the hearings of the committee. However, if possible I would like to point out that while some of the members of the committee repeatedly suggested that stories I wrote or interviews I gave on the subject of the roadworks on the Gallipoli Peninsula were only done for personal gain, in my correspondence with the committee prior to the hearings, on a number of occasions I offered to fly to Australia at my own expense to address the hearing in person. As such, I would be most happy to have any and all of my correspondence with the Committee Secretariat included in the papers of the committee.

I apologise for not having sent these sooner, but I was away from my desk for a few days on other work and did not have the original notes with me.

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No Aust problems with roadworks. "They were fully informed of the excavations."

"It was said many times at the meetings with A + NZ officials that the road needed to be repaired. The priority was given to us to repair it."

"Just the opposite. They said the work was necessary. They were shown the plans. They were telling us that everything was OK. Nothing has been said to us otherwise. We have had no complaints from A or NZ people."

This road was not one of our priorities.

We don't have any plans right not to upgrade the Chunuk Bair road.

Maybe there was some sort of misunderstanding about the road by them