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"This book is a serious, thoughtful, forward-looking effort to address one of the world's most intractable conflicts. It makes an admirable exploration of paths that might lead to a better future in Greek-Turkish relations."

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"This is an outstanding collection of essays. Taken together, the chapters provide not only a detailed, objective, and informative survey of the Greek-Turkish relationship, but also the various elements of a strategy designed to mitigate, and perhaps even resolve, issues of longstanding contention. The contributors address issues of mutual perception (and misperception), the challenges of reconciling national interests and defusing crises, and tension reduction/confidence building measures. The value of the volume is enhanced by the discussion of the private sector, especially trade and business cooperation, as well as official government-to-government level Greek-Turkish relations."

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İsmet İnönü, Prime Minister of Turkey and Elefthros Venizelos, Prime Minister of Greece 06 October 1931 (Third and fourth from left): "The Friendship Years"



Süleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of Turkey, meets with Greek Prime Minister at the border (Keşan) to discuss "Cyprus Problem" (1970s)



Yorgos Papandreu, Foreign Minister of Greece, and Bülent Ecevit, former Prime Minister of Turkey, 20 January 2000

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