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Secretary of State, Washington, DC**

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Summary:

A SHAPE news release would announce the "courtesy call" by the Polaris submarine, U.S.S. Sam Houston, to Izmir, Turkey, beginning on April 14. The visit will "provide an opportunity for distinguished Turkish officials to view this latest weapon system to be assigned to the defense of Allied Command Europe."

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SHAPE will make following news release 1600Z April 12, for
simultaneous release, if desired, by MOD Turkey, US SECDEF,
and CINCSOUTH:

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"The USS SAM HOUSTON will pay a two-day courtesy call to Izmir, Turkey, commencing April 14. The visit has been arranged jointly by SACEUR and the Turkish and American Governments as an indication of their mutual interest in the increased defensive strength of the Atlantic Alliance in the Eastern Mediterranean area.

"USS SAM HOUSTON is one of three Polaris Submarines assigned to General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) for duty in the Mediterranean. Its visit to Izmir under the command of Captain William P. Willis, USN, will provide an opportunity for distinguished Turkish officials to view this latest weapon system to be assigned to the defense of Allied Command Europe".

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