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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Aide
From: Aram Hamparian, Executive Director
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Re: **Latest developments**

I thought you might find the following of interest:

1) **Turkish writer who recognizes Armenian Genocide receives Nobel prize**

Orhan Pamuk, the Turkish writer who earlier today received the Nobel prize for literature, has been a leading voice within Turkey for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

Earlier this year, he was prosecuted in Turkey for simply stating, in a February 2005 interview with a Swiss newspaper, that: "Thirty-thousand Kurds and one million Armenians were killed in these lands, and nobody but me dares to talk about it." Pamuk, the noted author of "Snow" and "My Name is Red," is regularly attacked as a traitor in Turkey for his honest assessment of his nation's history.

2) **French Parliament imposes penalties on Armenian Genocide denial**

The lower house of the French Parliament today, by a vote of 106-19, adopted a law - along the lines of a similar statute already on the books criminalizing Holocaust denial - that imposes fines and a potential jail term on those denying the Armenian Genocide.

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