

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CALENDAR YEAR 2010 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

FORM A
For use by Members, officers, and employees

Donna Fern Edwards
(Full Name)

202/225-8699
(Daytime Telephone)

Filer Status: Member of the U.S. House of Representative
State: MD District: 4

Officer Or Employee
Employing Office:

Report Type: Annual (May 15) Amendment Termination

Termination Date:

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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION -- ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

<p>I. Did you or your spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries or fees) of \$200 or more from any source in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule I.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>VI. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable gift in the reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$335 and not otherwise exempt)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>II. Did any individual or organization make a donation to charity in lieu of paying you for a speech, appearance, or article in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule II.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>VII. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable travel or reimbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth more than \$335 from one source)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>III. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive "unearned" income of more than \$1,000 in the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth more than \$1,000 at the end of the period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule III.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>VIII. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of filing in the current calendar year? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VIII.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>IV. Did you, your spouse, or dependent child purchase, sell, or exchange any reportable asset in a transaction exceeding \$1,000 during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IV.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>IX. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>V. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child have any reportable liability (more than \$10,000) during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule V.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Each question in this part must be answered and the appropriate schedule attached for each "Yes" response.</p>	

EXCLUSION OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION -- ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

<p>Trusts-- Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Ethics and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust benefiting you, your spouse, or dependent child?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Exemptions-- Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption? Do not answer "yes" unless you have first consulted with the Committee on Ethics.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

SCHEDULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

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BLOCK A Asset and/or Income Source Identify (a) each asset held for investment or production of income with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000 at the end of the reporting period, and (b) any other reportable asset or sources of income which generated more than \$200 in "unearned" income during the year. Provide complete names of stocks and mutual funds (do not use ticker symbols.) For all IRAs and other retirement plans (such as 401(k) plans) that are self-directed (i.e., plans in which you have the power, even if not exercised, to select the specific investments), provide the value for each asset held in the account that exceeds the reporting thresholds. For retirement accounts which are not self-directed, provide only the name of the institution holding the account and its value at the end of the reporting period. For rental or other real property held for investment, provide a complete address. For an ownership interest in a privately-held business that is not publicly traded, state the name of the business, the nature of its activities, and its geographic location in Block A. Exclude: Your personal residence, including second homes and vacation homes (unless there was rental income during the reporting period); any divorce-related transfers of an asset in a marital deduction or	BLOCK B Year-End Value of Asset at close of reporting year. If you use a valuation method other than fair market value, please specify the method used. If an asset was sold and is included only because it is generated income, the value should be "None."	BLOCK C Type of Income Check all columns that apply. For retirement accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments or that generate tax-deferred income (such as 401(k) plans or IRAs), you may check the "None" column. Dividends, interest, and capital gains, even if reinvested, must be disclosed as income. Check "None" if the asset generated no income during the reporting period.	BLOCK D Amount of Income For retirement accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments or that generate tax-deferred income (such as 401(k) plans or IRAs), you may check the "None" column. For all other assets, indicate the category of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends, interest, and capital gains, even if reinvested, must be disclosed as income. Check "None" if no income was earned or generated.	BLOCK E Transaction Indicate if asset had purchases (P), sales (S), or exchanges (E) exceeding \$1,000 in reporting year.
Andrews Federal Credit Union, MD	\$1,001 - \$15,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
Branch Bank & Trust, MD	\$1,001 - \$15,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
Lockheed Federal Credit Union, MD	\$1 - \$1,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
Wells Fargo Advisors, NC (Statement Attachment 1)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	

SCHEDULE VII - TRAVEL PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

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Identify the source and list travel itinerary, dates, and nature of expenses provided for travel and travel-related expenses totaling more than \$335 received by you, your spouse, or a dependent child during the reporting period. Indicate whether a family member accompanied the traveler at the sponsor's expense, and the amount of time, if any, that was not at the sponsor's expense. Disclosure is required regardless of whether the expenses were reimbursed or paid directly by the sponsor. Exclude: Travel-related expenses provided by federal, state, and local governments, or by a foreign government required to be separately reported under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (5 U.S.C § 7342); political travel that is required to be reported under the Federal Election Campaign Act; travel provided to a spouse or dependent child that is totally independent of his or her relationship to you.

Source	Date(s)	Point of Departure-- Destination--Point of Return	Lodging? (Y/N)	Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Days not at sponsor's expense
Turkish Coalition of America (itinerary Attachment 2)	March 27- April 3, 2010	DC-JFK--Istanbul-DC	Y	Y	N	None

General instructions and disclosures

About this statement

Clearing services

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Trade date statement

All activity and positions on this statement are shown as of the date a trade is entered on the brokerage trading system (i.e., the trade date). Proceeds from the sale of securities and costs for the purchase of securities are not transacted through your account until the actual settlement date of the trade, which may be up to three business days after the trade date (or longer for certain securities with an extended settlement date).

Pricing of securities

Securities prices reflected on your statement may vary from actual liquidation value. Prices shown are provided by outside quotation services which we believe to be reliable but due to the nature of market data the accuracy of such prices cannot be guaranteed, or in the absence of such pricing, are estimated by Wells Fargo Advisors using available information and its judgment. Such estimates may not reflect actual trades and do not reflect a commitment by the firm to buy or sell at those prices. Securities listed on a national exchange such as the NYSE or Nasdaq Stock Market are priced as of the close of the statement period. Unlisted shares may be valued at the current lowest published "bid-price", and, if none exists, the last reported transaction if occurring within the last 45 days. Prices of securities not actively traded may not be available and are indicated by "N/A." Corporate and municipal bonds and other fixed income securities are priced by a computerized pricing service or, for less actively traded issues, by utilizing a yield-based matrix system to arrive at an estimated market value. Listed options are priced based on the closing "bid-ask" prices and the last reported trade. Mutual fund shares are priced at net asset value. Shares of direct participation program ("DPP") and real estate investment trust ("REIT") securities that are not listed on a national exchange are generally illiquid. Because no formal trading market may exist for these investments, their values are estimated. Unless otherwise indicated, the values shown for DPP and REIT securities have been provided by the management of each program and represent that management's estimate of the investor's interest in the net assets of the program. See statement sections for additional pricing information. Prices for hedge funds and certain managed futures funds are provided on a month delay basis. Other managed futures funds may be priced more frequently. Long-term certificates of deposit (maturity beyond one year from date of issue) are priced using a market value pricing model. Generally, the sale or redemption price of your securities may be higher or lower than the prices shown on your statement. For an actual quote, contact the individual servicing your account.

Estimated annual income/yield

Estimated Annual Income (EAI), when available, reflects the estimated amount you would earn on a security if your current position and its related income remained constant for a year. Estimated Annual Yield (EAY), when available, reflects the current estimated annual income divided by the current value of the security as of the statement closing date. EAI and EAY are estimates and the actual income and yield might be lower or higher than the estimated amounts. EAY reflects only the income generated by an investment. It does not reflect changes in its price, which may fluctuate. The information used to derive these estimates is obtained from various outside vendors. FCC and our Firm are not responsible for incorrect or missing estimated annual income and yields. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Income summary

The income summary displays all income as recorded in the tax system as of period end date. The totals in the Cash flow snapshot may not match the totals in the income snapshot due to reclassifications or other corrections made in the tax system. Remember, you may have certain products that are not included in these figures and whose income is only available on the tax forms sent to you at year-end. Reclassifications and other tax reporting requirements may alter these numbers both during and after year-end. You should rely only on tax reporting documents. Contact your tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of your brokerage activity.

About your rights and responsibilities

Questions and complaints about Your Account

This account statement contains important information about your brokerage account, including recent transactions. All account statements sent to you shall be deemed complete and accurate if not objected to in writing within ten days of receipt. We encourage you to review the details in this statement. If you do not understand any of the information in your statement or if you believe there are any inaccuracies or discrepancies in your statement, you should promptly report them to both FCC and to the manager of the Wells Fargo Advisors office listed on the front of your statement. To further protect your rights, including any rights under the Securities Investor Protection Act, any verbal communications with either your Wells Fargo Advisors office or with FCC should be re-confirmed in writing. Inquiries or complaints about your account statement, including the positions and balances in your account, may be directed to Wells Fargo Advisors Client Services at (866) 887-2402 or First Clearing Client Services at ATTN: M0096-09P, 1 N. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103, (800) 727-4304.

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SIPC Protection

Securities and cash in client accounts have two sources of protection. Wells Fargo Advisors is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). SIPC protects the clients of its member firms against the loss of their securities in the event of the member's insolvency and liquidation. Each client is insured up to a maximum of \$500,000 (including \$250,000 for claims for cash). For more information on SIPC coverage, please see the explanatory brochure at www.sipc.org or contact SIPC at (202) 371-8300. In addition, Wells Fargo Advisors maintains a program of excess protection. This additional insurance coverage is provided through London Underwriters (led by Lloyd's of London Syndicate) ("Lloyd's"). For clients who have received the full SIPC payout limit, Wells Fargo Advisors policy with Lloyd's provides additional coverage above the SIPC limits for any missing securities and cash in client brokerage accounts up to a firm aggregate limit of \$1 billion (including up to \$1.9 million for cash per client). SIPC and the additional protection do not insure the quality of investments or protect against losses from fluctuating market value.

Investor education

Wells Fargo Advisors publishes on its web site www.wellsfargoadvisors.com information on topics of interest to investors as well as market commentary and economic analysis. Wells Fargo Advisors has also developed numerous investor education guides to provide you with important information regarding the products and services we offer. These guides may be found under the "Investor Education" tab.

Free credit balances

Free credit balances are not segregated and may be used by FCC in the operation of its business in accordance with 17CFR Section 240.15c3-2 & -3 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. You have the right to receive from us in the course of normal business operations, subject to any open commitments in any of your accounts, any free credit balances to which you are entitled.

Investment objectives/Risk tolerances

Please inform us promptly of any material change that might affect your investment objectives, risk tolerances or financial situation, or if you wish to impose or change any reasonable restrictions on the management of your account. A copy of the Investment Advisory Services Disclosure document is available without charge upon request. Please contact the individual denoted on the front of your statement to update your information and to receive a copy of this document.

Tax reporting

We are required by federal law to report annually to you and to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on Form 1099 and 1099B certain interest, dividend income and sales proceeds credited to your account.

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ADVISORS

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DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2010
ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Progress summary

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Opening value	\$14,413.46	\$14,379.23
Income earned	0.12	1.45
Change in value	8.05	40.95
Closing value	\$14,421.63	\$14,421.63

As a Wells Fargo Advisors Client, you can easily simplify your finances by combining all your investing and banking into a single, easy-to-manage relationship. By upgrading to the Command Asset Program, you'll have access to many more features and benefits to help you manage your finances. You'll see all your investing and banking activity on one comprehensive monthly statement. It's as simple as talking with Your Financial Advisor. Ask them today about the Command Asset Program.

Portfolio summary

ASSETS	ASSET TYPE	PREVIOUS VALUE ON NOV 30	%	CURRENT VALUE ON DEC 31	%	ESTIMATED ANN. INCOME
Cash and sweep balances		14,241.81	98.81	14,241.93	98.75	1
Stocks, options & ETFs		171.65	1.19	179.70	1.25	0
Fixed Income securities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Mutual funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Asset value		\$14,413.46	100%	\$14,421.63	100%	\$1

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DECEMBER 31, 2010
ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Cash flow summary

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Opening value of cash and sweep balances	\$14,241.81	1.45
Income and distributions	0.12	
Net additions to cash	\$0.12	\$1.45
Other subtractions	0.00	-40.00
Net subtractions from cash	\$0.00	-\$40.00
Closing value of cash and sweep balances	\$14,241.93	

Income summary

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Money market/sweep funds	0.12	1.45
Total income	\$0.12	\$1.45

Gain/loss summary

	THIS PERIOD REALIZED	THIS YEAR REALIZED
Short term	0.00	0.00
Long term	0.00	0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00



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DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31 2010
ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Your Financial Advisor

Phone:

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Account profile

Full account name: DONNA F EDWARDS (IRA)
 Account type: FCC AS CUSTODIAN
 Brokerage account number: Individual Retirement Account
 Tax status: Retirement
 Investment objective/Risk tolerance: MODERATE GROWTH
 Cost Basis Election: First In, First out
 Sweep option: BANK DEPOSIT SWEEP

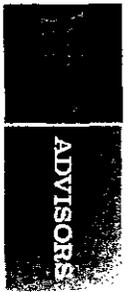
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Document delivery status

	Paper	Electronic
Statements:	X	
Trade confirmations:	X	
Tax documents:	X	
Shareholder communications:	X	





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 ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Portfolio detail

Cash and Sweep Balances

Bank Deposit Sweep - Consists of monies held in one or more FDIC-insured depository account(s) established with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Additional funds over \$250,000 are deposited at one or more additional banks affiliated with Wells Fargo Advisors. These assets are not covered by SIPC, but are instead covered by FDIC insurance in accordance with FDIC rules. For additional information on the Bank Deposit Sweep for your account please contact Your Financial Advisor.

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD EARNED*	CURRENT MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME
BANK DEPOSIT SWEEP	0.01	14,241.93	1.42
Interest Period 12/01/10 - 12/31/10			
Total Cash and Sweep Balances		\$14,241.93	\$1.42

* APY measures the total amount of the interest paid on an account based on the interest rate and the frequency of the compounding during the interest period. The annual percentage yield is expressed as an annualized rate, based on a 365- or 366-day year (as applicable).

Stocks, options & ETFs

Stocks and ETFs

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ADJ PRICE/ ORIG PRICE	ADJ COST' ORIG COST	CURRENT PRICE	CURRENT MARKET VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME	ANNUAL YIELD (%)
GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CL A GET	5	19.45	149.25	35.9400	179.70	30.45		N/A
Acquired 10/03/01								N/A
Total Stocks and ETFs			\$149.25		\$179.70	\$30.45		
Total Stocks, options & ETFs			\$149.25		\$179.70	\$30.45		

Bank Deposit Sweep Allocation

Monies on deposit at each bank, together with any other deposits held in the same insurable capacity at each bank, are eligible for FDIC insurance up to \$250,000 per depositor, per bank in accordance with FDIC rules for a total of up to \$750,000 in FDIC insurance when deposited at multiple banks. These assets are not held in your securities brokerage account and therefore not covered by SIPC. Settlement timing differences will cause balances displayed in this section to vary from those indicated in the Portfolio detail section due to activity that occurs after 2 PM ET on the last business day of the month. If you have questions about your sweep option, including rates, please contact Your Financial Advisor.

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT VALUE	AS OF VALUE DATE
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	14,241.81	12/31
Total Bank Deposits	\$14,241.81	

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 DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2010
 ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Activity detail

DATE	ACCOUNT TYPE	TRANSACTION	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	CASH AND SWEEP BALANCES
12/01				BEGINNING BALANCE		14,241.81	14,241.81
12/31	Cash	INTEREST		BANK DEPOSIT SWEEP		0.12	14,241.93

Cash sweep activity

Our Cash Sweep program allows you to earn a return on the idle cash balances in your account by automatically investing such balances into one of our cash sweep options. These 'sweep transactions' may represent a net amount for the day and occur on settlement date. The following section displays transfers into and out of your sweep option. Transactions displayed here are Transfer To, Transfer From and Reinvested Dividends and Interest. These transaction amounts are not included in your cash flow summary.

DATE	TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE	TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
12/01		BEGINNING BALANCE	14,241.81	12/31		ENDING BALANCE	14,241.93
12/31	REINVEST INT	BANK DEPOSIT SWEEP	0.12				

Specific instructions and disclosures

Cost basis

This statement presents estimated unrealized or realized gains or losses for your information only. If acquisition or other information is not available, the gain/loss information may not be displayed and summary totals may not reflect your complete portfolio. Cost basis information is not verified by FCC or Wells Fargo Advisors and should not be relied upon for legal or tax purposes. Revisions to this information (due to corporate mergers, tenders and other reorganizations) may be required from time to time. To update your cost information or provide omitted cost information, contact Your Financial Advisor.

Cost basis for factored bonds (GNMA, CMO, etc.) will be adjusted for paydown of principal. Systematic investments in mutual funds and reinvested dividends for mutual funds and stocks have been consolidated for each position. Unit cost data for systematic investments and dividend reinvestment securities is provided for informational purposes only and is a non-weighted average.

Your account statement should not be used for tax preparation without assistance from your tax consultant because it does not constitute an official accounting of gains/losses. We do not report capital gains or losses to the IRS.

IRA withholding notice
Form W-4P/OMB No. 1544-0415
 The withdrawals you receive from your IRA (except Education IRA) are subject to Federal income tax withholding unless you elect not to have withholding apply. If you have a periodic, or an "on demand" distribution, your election regarding our withholding of Federal income tax on your behalf stays in effect until you change it. You may change or revoke your election at any time and as often as you wish by completing a new election form. If you elect check writing privileges, you will also have previously elected to have no withholding on your withdrawals. If you decide to have taxes withheld you will not be eligible for check writing from your IRA. If you elect not to have taxes withheld you will be liable for payment of all taxes due on the taxable portion of your distribution and you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax. You may be subject to tax penalties under the estimated tax payment rules if your payments of estimated tax and withholding, if any, are not adequate.



TCA SPONSORED CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER VISIT TO TURKEY
March 27th through April 3rd, 2010

Saturday, March 27, 2010

5:30pm Depart John F Kennedy Airport (JFK) on Turkish Airlines Flight 0002

Sunday, March 28, 2010

10:10am Arrive at İstanbul Atatürk Airport (IST)

11:30am Check-in to Hyatt Regency

8:00pm Boat trip and TCA Welcoming Dinner on m/y Ceylan with members of the Turkish business community

Monday, May 29, 2010

10:00am Briefing by NGO representatives at the Turkish Cultural Foundation (TCF)

12:00pm Lunch and lecture by cultural expert at TCF

1:00pm Briefings by President of the Turkish Coalition of America and Program Director of the Turkish Cultural Foundation on their respective organizations at TCF

2:30pm Roundtable discussion with minority community representatives at TCF

7:30pm TCA Dinner with Faruk Eczacibasi

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

9:00am Depart İstanbul via ferry

11:00am Arrive in Bursa

11:30am Meeting with historian at Green Mosque and Green Tomb

1:30pm Meeting with historian at Silk Bazaar and Grand Mosque

4:00pm Depart Bursa by bus for İstanbul

Bursa, where Silk Road caravans converged:

Located in northwestern Turkey, Bursa is the country's fourth largest city. A major center for agricultural and automotive production, it is most famous for its textile industry dating back to the medieval era. Strategically located at the end of the Silk Road, Prusa (as it was historically known) was an important trade hub for silk among other valuable textiles. Upon its capture in 1326 by Sultan Orhan I, Bursa was named the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. Accordingly, it is home to numerous significant religious monuments and the mausoleums of both Sultan Orhan I and his father Sultan Osman I, the founder of the Ottoman Empire. Legend has it that Turkey's famous shadow puppets, Karagöz and Hacivat, were inspired by two laborers in Bursa whose banter entertained their coworkers and subsequently slowed down a mosque's construction, which cost them their lives. Their humorous conversations live on in theater productions and a monumental tomb in their honor can today be found in their hometown.

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

10:00am Lecture on a Mevlid ceremony

11:30am Meeting with historian at Haghia Sophia and Blue Mosque

1:00pm Luncheon meeting with historian at the Topkapi Palace

2:30pm Cultural briefing by historian at the Grand and Spice Bazaars

7:30pm TCA Dinner with members of the press (off the record)

Thursday, April 1, 2010

- 8:00am Depart İstanbul Atatürk Airport
- 9:05am Arrive at Ankara Esenboğa Airport
- 10:00am Wreath laying ceremony at Anıtkabir (Atatürk's Mausoleum)
- 12:00pm Luncheon meeting with U.S. Ambassador James Jeffrey
- 2:30pm Meeting with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan or Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu
- 5:00pm TCA reception at Hacettepe University
- 7:00pm Gala celebrating the establishment of Hacettepe University's Jazz Conservatory – the first such conservatory established in the region

Friday, April 2, 2010

- 9:30am Educational roundtable with Turkish students at Robert College (High School)
- 11:00am Educational roundtable with Turkish students at Bahcesehir University
- 12:30pm Lunch at Feriye Restaurant
- 2:00pm Meeting with historian at Istanbul Archaeological Museum
- 7:00pm Dinner and forum on "African American-Turkish Connections Through the Arts" at Bahcesehir University

Saturday, April 3, 2010

- 11:20am Depart İstanbul Atatürk Airport (IST) on Turkish Airlines Flight 0005
- 3:15pm Arrive at Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
- 6:05pm Depart Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) on United Airlines Flight 0624
- 8:54pm Arrive at Reagan National Airport (DCA)