Memo attached to ALUSMA, Ankara to CNO, 1-29-44
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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, Africa-Middle East Theater, Cairo, Egypt
No: 12522  24 March 1945

Message number 12522 to MILID Washington.

Notification of Moscow wish to denounced pact with Turkey as being unfitted to present circumstances has not perturbed official government circles although 0-2 of Turk General Staff shows some anxiety. Government had been forewarned of possibility about one month ago as has been indicated in reports from this office. Turks believe notification came earlier than anticipated since Russians did not wish to attach undue significance to it announcing their wish during San Francisco Conference. Turk Government is not sure what may be terms of possible new agreement desired by Russians but believe major point will be revision of Montreaux Convention. In any eventual discussions with Russia as to terms of a new pact terms expect to be guided by the British supported by US. No such discussions are expected to commence in the near future. Turkish Ambassador to Moscow announcement is so far conspicuously absent. Well informed Turks generally are somewhat confused as to what Russian wishes really are and much more apprehensive than top-ranking government officials appear to be. Such fears are not at all allayed by recent criticism of Turkey in Turkish language broadcasts from Moscow. Unanimously the Turks hope for and expect to get backing of British and to a less extent Americans in any difficulties they may have with the Kremlin now or eventually.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Col. Park, C of S
CM-IN-26396  (25 Mar 45) DTD 240630Z

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From: CG Persian Gulf Command, Teheran Iran
To: War Department
CC US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo Egypt

SN: M 25176 7 March 1945

For MIS and JIC AME from B number M 25176

In Parliament on 4th March deputy Mosaddeq denounced quashing of embezzlement charges against ex Cabinet Minister Tadayan. Declared out of order by President, infuriated Mosaddeq amid general confusion left chamber saying would not return to this thieves den. Considerable segment of Iranian public opinion deplores his action while applauding his sentiments.

6th March small crowd of students demonstrating their support brought Mosaddeq to Parliament on their shoulders, demonstrators and large crowd of onlookers were denied entrance to Parliament compound, became unruly, Military Governor Brigadier General Golshaian lost his head, order. Commence firing one student killed by stray bullet few others injured, crowd quickly dispersed. Incident is believed not of great importance in itself but being utilized by opponents of present cabinet.

ACTION: O-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF; OPD; Col. Park; Log

CM-IN-7679 (8 Mar 45) DZG 071221Z ee

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/64
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department

Nr. F 38411 6 March 1945

F 38411 from AFHQ to for action AGWAR signed Alexander site FEGCT. TOP SECRET

1. British Chiefs of Staff have been informed by MIDEAST that the likely practical implications of entry of Egypt and Turkey into the war is under consideration.

2. MIDEAST presume that our policy will be not to divert additional manpower on material nor to encourage the Turks to participate in operations in the Dodecanese. In any case they consider previous consultation by the Turks must be insisted upon prior to undertaking any operations. MIDEAST understand that Egypt should not be asked to participate more actively than hitherto. They query if she can be asked to undertake guard duties of prisoners of war.

3. MIDEAST have however requested guidance from British Chiefs of Staff on the following points which involve political considerations and relate to other ways in which these two countries could contribute directly to the war effort.

   A. Can ports in Turkey be used including salvage organizations and repair facilities?
   B. If required by RAF can Turkish airfields be used?
   C. Can unrestricted transit facilities be demanded, by air, sea and land, for military stores and personnel of the United Nations and particularly over CD railways Aleppo-Mosul?

CN-IN-6196 (6 Mar 45)
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr. F 38411 6 March 1945

D. Should Turkish merchant vessels be included in Allied Shipping Pool?

E. May Turks be forced to accept responsibility for maintenance and accommodation of refugees now being evacuated from German-occupied islands and prisoners of war?

4. We have under consideration here the possibility of employing Turkish troops on the Italian front and have informed British Chiefs of Staff accordingly. Our views will be submitted to Combined Chiefs of Staff as soon as possible.

5. Foregoing is furnished for your information.

End

ACTION: General Hull

INFORMATION: JG/6
Admiral King
General Arnold
General Blissell
Admiral Leahy

CM-IN-6196 (6 Mar 45) DTG 061057A bjm

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CC: US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
Nr: 12449 3 March 1945

To MILID, Message nr 12449.

Civil reaction one week after Turkish Declaration of War continues almost completely negative with mildly interested discussion but no blackout and all civil activities proceeding exactly the same as week prior to declaration of war. Turk military reaction has not been pronounced.

There has been a slight intensification of ground force training activities throughout the country and Ground Forces in the areas opposite Rhodes, Cos and Leros have been somewhat strengthened at suggestion British Mil Attaché. This because it is thought small German raids on Turk coast to secure food might be expected. No change in air force dispositions or activity has been reported or observed. Turk official reaction appears to be favorable and in concurrence with British plea for Turkey to stay out of Dodecanese in order to reduce possibility of Turk Greek friction.

British and American Mil Attachés went into uniform Feb 24th on verbal authority Turk Chief of Staff. Other Mil Attachés are getting into uniform gradually on written Turk authority issued Feb 28th. We are pressing for permission to have all Allied Military personnel in Turkey wear uniform and hope to be successful soon. We must emphasize however Turk reaction as regards extension of privilege to

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(4 Mar 45)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

Nr: 12449

3 March 1945

Allied military personnel re uniform and freedom of movement will be more along lines of Russian policy than like procedures in other Allied countries.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CO AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, C of S

CM-IN-3829 (4 Mar 45) DTG 031315Z m/m

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: 665 25 February 1945
From Dregge sncl Giles mag nr 665

Following assassination Ahmed Maher Pasha by Mahmoud Issaoui, Nokrashi Pasha appointed Prime Minister holding Ministries Foreign Affairs and Interior. New cabinet temporarily remaining essentially as before, Ahmed Mahers presentation of war against Germany and Japan enthusiastically received in Chamber of Deputies. Though actual declaration war not accomplished it is expected Monday or Tuesday. Little definitely known about killer except his statement that he is only one of 22 who will kill any Prime Minister attempting execute war declaration. Public appears quiet, feeling largely sincere bereavement.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAAP

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
PRIME MINISTER ACHMED MAHER PASHA FATALY SHOT THIS EVENING WHILE IN PARLIAMENT BUILDING FOLLOWING APPEARANCE BEFORE DEPUTIES AND WHILE ENROUTE TO APPEAR BEFORE SENATE CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION TO PASS ON EGYPT'S DECLARATION OF WAR. ASSAILANT REPORTED TO BE MOHAMMED ISSAWI LOCAL LAWYER POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS REPORTED NATIONALISTS, SEE AM LEGATION SERIES.
From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: 664 24 February 1945

From Drogge signed Giles msg nr 664.

Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Maher Pasha assassinated shortly after 7 PM today 24th by Mohamed Issacul as leaving special session Chamber Deputies, convened to consider war declaration, enroute to Senate Chamber.

Gunman captured and investigation in progress to determine motive of assassin reputed to be of Nationalist party. Effort being made find ways and means accomplish declaration war.

End

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/19/04

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
No: 12401

Date: 19 February 1945

Mag nbr 12401, MILID Washington.

Reliable Turkish source states that it is probable that Turks will recognize Lublin Polish Government within coming two weeks.

This is concession Turks are prepared to make, doubtless due to necessity of creating favorable impression in Moscow prior to hoped for renewal of Turkish-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact due to expire in the month of May in 1945 this annum.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
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JAPANESE IN TURKEY ARE INTERRED AT ANKARA AND ISTANBUL 27 JANUARY PENDING RUSSIAN TRANSIT VIZAS. LOCAL JAPANESE SEE THEIR ONLY HOPE IN A GERMAN ORGANIZATION UNDER LEADER SUCH AS MARSHAL PAULUS THAT WILL SUPPORT RUSSIANS AGAINST AMERICAN-FRIENDLED TURKISH OFFICIALS AND FOREIGNERS THAT STALIN WILL USE THIS THREAT AT CUMING CONFERENCE TO GAIN HIS END

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R.O. 11022, Sec. 38 and 390 or 39
O.S. letter, May 5, 1973
To JS, NAVY DCA D2 2.0 1973

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NAV 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/64
From: US Military Attache Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

No: 572

Text:

26 January 1945

Mag nr to MILID 572 ANSKE 1240.

At meeting of National Agrarian Union of Bulgaria on 18 Jan the resignation of the Secretary General, George N Dimitroff was presented but not accepted. Various resolutions were voted in support of the Fatherland Front and in favor of collaboration with the Workers Party. On 21 Jan it was announced that Dimitroff had been forced to retire as Secretary of the Party because he had "an orientation on outside powers which makes him an enemy of the Fatherland." Source is B 2 Jewish in Istanbul as well as Bulgarian press. It is believed that reference to outside powers may refer to British since subject was in Middle East during year past.

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From: US Military Attaché, Beyrouth, Syria
To: War Department
Nr: 84503 26 January 1945

Mag 84503 to MILID Washington DC.

British attempting to avoid imminent serious Syro French clash. Generals Paget Cairo and Holmes Beirut now in Damascus seeking solution.

Release by French of Trouxes Speciaies for forming own army by Syrians, equipping of Gendarmerie, University convention and Bedouin control are main contentions against French that Syrian Cabinet must solve or else fall. Public demonstrations to date failly peaceful but anything may happen.

See Wadsworth cable 22 of 23 Jan to Sec State.

Jackson.

22 not identified in WDMC.

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E.O. 11653, Sec. 3.3(D) and 3.3(o) or (g)
OHD letter, May 3, 1972

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
From: US Military Attaché, Beyrouth, Syria
To: War Department
No: 84501

8 January 1945

MILID Wash DC. Message 84501.

Lebanese Prime Minister Ridaa al-Din and cabinet resigned afternoon 7th January.

Abdul Hamid Karami accepted premiership today and now forming new cabinet, see report 727 dated 19th December for most recent Karami incident.

Anticipate French attempt to undermine his cabinet as Karami is anti-French and staunch supporter Lebanese independence.

Jackson

ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: GO AAP

Col Park

CM-IN-7792 (9 Jan 45) DTG 081500Z bjm

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By RT, NARA, Date

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ON 4 DEC HEAD OF JAPANESE INTELLIGENCE AOKI COMPLAINED TO TURKISH OFFICIAL THAT TURKS WOULD BREAK RELATIONS

6 JANUARY. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LEADING TO BREAK MAKE THIS DATE APPEAR ONLY AS GOOD GUESS SINCE TURKS DID NOT DECIDE DATE UNTIL 3 JANUARY. HOWEVER HIS INFORMATION ON SUBJECT MAY INDICATE LEAK SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE TURKEY. JAPS HAVE REQUESTED INTERNEE TURKEY. THIS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE POSSIBLE CONTINUATION THEIR ACTIVITIES THROUGH AGENTS WITH WHOM CONTACTS COULD BE MAINTAINED. AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT SAYS RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN REFUSING TRANSIT VISAS TO JAPS EXCEPT ON EXCHANGE BASIS BUT THINKS THEY COULD MAKE EXCEPTION THIS CASE IF REQUESTED BY YOU. LOCAL JAPS THINK HITLER'S SPEECH DIRECTED AT BRITISH WHO ARE CONSIDERED MOST FATIGUED OF ALLIED AND MOST WILLING ACCEPT COMPROMISE PEACE.

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(ALUSHA CAIRO SENDS TO CNO)

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA. Date 4/11/64
A British student demonstration occurred in Cairo that date and expected to continue tomorrow. The reaction which is believed to be partly British inspired in response to rumors of a Sudanese legislation council and positive British objection to a Sudanese subject aliefelseries handling as an Egyptian parliamentary candidate in forthcoming elections and positive actions of Egyptian govt against certain members for former West government. Formal announcement withdrawal aliefelseries candidacy expected tomorrow ph. He is said to have had faruks packing. Situation ob- 

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PRESENT. BRITISH MILITARY POLICE OUT IN FORCE AND LEAVES OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

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2319338
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East,
Cairo, Egypt

18 December 1944

Number MILID 539 AMSME 1217.


Article is quoted as saying victory has been made impossible this year because Britain has been deflected in Italy, Albania and Greece from main enemy Germany and Russia has similarly been deflected in Balkans and Baltic. Turk press comment agrees with quoted statement that activities of Communists in liberated countries and British intervention in political affairs have also been retarding factors. Usakligil rpt Usykiligil in Istanbul Son Posta expressed general regret at further evidence of disagreement between three major powers and hopes that leaders of big 3 soon meet to eliminate differences.

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INFO: CG AAF
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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1192

Material Number MILID 515 AMSMR 1192.

News item appearing recently in Turkish press reports
that Turk Government has given assurances to Greece that no
claims to the Dodecanese are entertained by Turkey.

Editorial comment by N. Sadak in Aksam, regarded as
reflecting views of Turk Foreign Office, is that these islands
cannot be regarded as a threat to Turkey while they are in
Greek hands. He says, "All we wish is that the Dodecanese
should never serve as a passage into Anatolia, and therefore
the transfer of these islands to Greece constitutes for us
the strongest guaranty in this regard". Also says that
Turkey was never quite at ease while the islands belonged
to fascist Italy.

Other writers also mention the entire confidence in
the Greek Government shown by this declaration on the part
of Turkey.

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CM-IN-23913 (24 Nov 44) 2226Z msg

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From: CG, Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, Iran.
To: War Department.
CC: US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

Nr: M 32260. 11th November 1944.

For MIS and JICAME from Baker Nr M 32260.

Cabinet resigned yesterday but successor to Saed not yet disclosed.

Samii court master of ceremonies and Esfandiary, former president of parliament both are mentioned as possibilities.

Soviet restrictions on foreign press dispatches are still in effect. Local Tudeh club was raided by Iranian Military Police two days ago and cautioned that present law forbids gatherings other than normal use of club facilities.

Three local papers with Tudeh leanings have been suppressed but as usual have reappeared under other names. Situation in general remains quiet.

Kartaradze is still in Iran and has received Order of Lenin while Maximov has received Order of Red Banner.

Brigadier General Knoarvani formerly Iranian commander in Tabrir and brother to delegate to International Air Conference, Chicago has been appointed temporary commanding officer Iranian Air Force.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Col Pake, Log.

CM-IN-1304 (12 Nov 44) 1045Z

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From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt  
To: War Department  
Nr: 648  
6 November 1944

Msg nbr 648 sgd Giles from Dregge MilAttaché.

At 0130 today Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister Middle East was shot on way home in Zamalek to lunch by 2 men who were apprehended by Egyptian police.

Assassins believed to come from Palestine and of Jewish nationality. This not confirmed. Men have been interrogated by British and Egyptian authorities but disclosed nothing.

Condition of Lord Moyne critical and not expected to live. Chauffeur killed. Prime Minister granted reward to Egyptian policemen and promoted them on spot. No political repercussions as yet.

The end.

ACTION: C-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF

Col Park

CM-IN-6046 (7 Nov 44) 0403Z bjm

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
From:  CO, Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, Iran
To:    War Department
        CO, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
No.   M 32258
       4 November 1944

For MIS and JICAME from Baker number M 32258

Situation has been generally quiet, at least on surface, according to Iranian Chief of Staff; situation in Tabrix has returned practically to normal, with Russians there taking placating attitude and disavowing any intentions to supplant or suppress Iranian authority.

The 7, not 20 Iranian soldiers arrested by Russians have been released and Soviet guards around Iranian barracks removed; General Khosrovani, Iranian Commander at Tabrix, has been recalled to Teheran and replaced by Colonel Derakhshani, formerly Governor General at Rexviah; General Glinsky, Soviet Commander was at Rexviah at time of incident, and his Chief of Staff, General Lobov was in local command in Tabrix at that time; 2 demonstrators were killed and 7 wounded in clash with Iranian troops in Tabrix previously reported; Iranian Mission, consisting of a representative each from Justice Interior and War Ministries and Gendarmerie have left for Tabrix to investigate incident.

Dr. Mossadegh, member of Parliament is now prominently, but not publicly mentioned as probable new Prime Minister, as Saed is expected in some usually well-informed quarters to resign in 2 or 3 days. Mossadegh is elderly statesman, generally respected among Iranians, who has recently publicly expressed
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From: CG, Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, Iran
No. M 32258 4 November 1944

opposition in speech to giving oil concessions to any foreigners. It is widely believed that any new government formed in near future will continue policy of declining to give such concessions.

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INFO: CGA; OPD; Col Park; C of S

CM-IN-4915 (5 Nov 44) 21422 ekk

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44
To: War Department

Nr: 810  3 November 1944

Soviet pressure may be relaxing according to indications here, and there are signs of improvement in the political situation.

Tudeh leaders urged Prime Minister Saed to prevent any demonstrations, in a note yesterday, and said that word was received that a coup d'état was being plotted by Seyid Ziaeddin, although it is certain they were planning another demonstration here today. At the same time aid and cooperation in subduing any disturbances were offered by the Russian Military Commander to the British and Iranian Commanders if they requested it.

The British Ambassador was told by Saed this morning that he would not resign at this time since he is encouraged by the above developments and has been assured of Majlis support.

That Russian methods in acquiring oil concessions did not conform to the policy regarding Iran agreed upon at the Tehran conference and that the British hoped the matter would not be pressed further by the Russian Government was contained in a telegram sent to Moscow by the British Foreign Office on October 30, which Sir Reader read to the Ambassador today. The Iranian Government was not informed of this message.

CM-IN-9670  (10 Nov 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: Tehran.

Nr: 810 3 November 1944

This message, as well as publicity in London, favoring the Iranians may have caused the Russians to reconsider, although it is too early at this time to say there is a definite change in the Russian attitude.

A Reuters despatch from London giving the Iranian side of the dispute was passed by Russian censors yesterday and may have some significance.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
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CM-IN-9670 (10 Nov 44) 1822Z 1822Z pa

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OIS letter, May 8, 1972

N 30154  11 OCT 1944  NCR 18577

RECEIVED BY PRINTER FROM ARMY

(JIC #272 from MEJIC SIGNED GILES AMSME MSG
NBR N 30154. PASS THIS MESSAGE TO OFFICE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE)

TOP OFFICERS GREEK GENERAL STAFF LED BY ROYALIST GENERALS
VENTRIS DENOUNCING PAPANDREOU FOR COLLABORATION WITH
EAM AND REPUDIATION OF SECURITY BATTALIONS. BLOODLESS
COUP IS MENTIONED BUT NUMBER OF DISSIDENT OFFICERS IS
STILL SMALL AND DEVELOPMENTS OF NEXT FEW DAYS MAY
THWART THEIR INTENTIONS. RELIABLE BUT UNCONFIRMED
REPORT HAS PAPANDREOU IN LONDON TODAY.

16...COG ADD: CH0..13..KAVADE..(PER
16-A-3-1)

COMINCH....

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No. 640, 9 October 1944

From Dregue signed Giles msg nr 640.

Nahas and Cabinet dismissed by King Sunday on grounds lack of democratic interest in the country, not applying constitution, not upholding equality of rights among all Egyptians, and not insuring food and clothing for all classes. Dr. Ahmed invited to form new Cabinet which will be done today. Nahas has held conferences with all opposition leaders. Cabinet will undoubtedly be coalition of opposition parties. Domestic situation tranquil and no trouble anticipated.

New Subject: Change classification our 639 October 7th to Secret American Eyes Only.

End

Note: 639 is CM-IN-6904 (7 Oct 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CO AAP OFF
                  Log
CM-IN-8741 (9 Oct 44) 1839Z pa
DESpite discouraging start pan Arab Conference closed enthusiastically and unanimously on following important issues: complete sovereignty of Lebanon. Development of representative Government in Palestine, cessation of Jewish Immigration, strict adherence to White Paper, establishment of official Arab Land Bank to stop sales of Arab property to Jews. Formation of Arab League and Council to unify Foreign Policy of all.
ARAB STATES.

16...COG
COMINCH...13...CNO...206...NAVAIDE...200P...

CM-IN-8188
INFO JICANE BY HAND

FOR CHANGE IN GOVT SEE WILET CAIRO 639 OCT 7 AND ALUSNA SERIAL 129-44. KING AND NAHAS IN ALEX. KING DUE RETURN 9TH. BRITISH GIVE NO INDICATION OF OPPOSING CHANGE WHICH CONTINUES POSSIBLE AND WITHOUT PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

16...ACT

CONVINCE...CNO....20G....
I) WAR DEPARTMENT
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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: N 30032
8 October 1944

Pass to Office Naval Intell JICAME number 270 from
MEJIC sgd Giles mag number N 30032.

Despite discouraging start Pan Arab conference closed
enthusiastically and unanimously on following important issues:
Complete sovereignty of Lebanon. Development of representative
government in Palestine, cessation of Jewish immigration,
strict adherence to white paper. Establishment of official
Arab land bank to stop sales of arab property to Jews. Form-
ation of Arab league and council to unify foreign policy of
all Arab states.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CQAAF
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Navy
Col. Park
Log

CN-IN-8166 (9 Oct 44) 0451Z rb

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No. 639 7 October 1944
From Dreggo signed Giles mag nr 639.

British and American sources report indication possibility Nahas Pasha may go out of office within 48 hours. Palace has advised Nahas he must reinstate Ghazi! Bey immediately or suffer consequences. British are following hands off policy, they do not anticipate internal uprising in event of Nahas ouster but are prepared for any eventualities. If cabinet is cut British expect Dr Ahmer Maher Pasha to be new prime minister under coalition government.

End

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OSD letter, May 3, 1973
by JS, FEB 2 0 1973

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
OPD
Col Park
Log

CK-IN-6904 (7 Oct 44) 19472 pa

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
    CG US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
No: 439  1 October 1944

Mil Attache, Ankara, Turkey to MILID 439 AMSME 1090.

Bearing all of remaining released prisoners from
Bulgaria who had remained in Turkey one C-47 took off from
Istanbul at 0830 Sunday local time.

Another with three OSS lads also came out of Bulgaria
is scheduled to take off at 1300 or else Monday morning.

Third on Tuesday likely to depart.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFO: Gen Arnold, OOF, Col Park, C of S
CM-IN-596 (1 Oct 44) 1540Z

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/64

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AEGEAN SIT REP 29 SEPT.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TO PREVIOUS REPORTS. KITHNOS SERIPHOS SIKINOS WITHDRAWAL SMALL GERMAN POSTS LIKELY COMPLETE. ANTIKYTHERA EVACUATED ANTIMilos GARRISON UNLIKELY. KIMOLOS HERAKLION AND ANAPHI REPORTED FREE OF ENEMY. SO ALL ISLANDS SOUTHEAST OF OAXOS NO GERMANS. MYKONI PROBABLY 25 GERMANS. SCARPANTO EVACUATION WELL ADVANCED STRENGTH GREATLY REDUCED. RHODES 4 TO 6000 REMAIN CONGREGATING RHODES TOWN PRIOR EVACUATION SYMI EVACUATION IN PROGRESS POSSIBLY COMPLETE. CRETE ASITHINOMEN EARLY EVACUATED HERAKLION AREA THINNING

SECRET
EVACUATION CONTINUED BY AIR FROM HERAKLION AND SUDA. ABOUT 15,000 GERMANS REMAIN CRETE. KHALKIS NO GARRISON LIKELY. SIRINA NO GARRISON. STAMPAIJA GERMANS PRESENT. NISIRO AND PISKOPI POSSIBLE HUNK STS. GARRISON CONTINUES. KALIMNO MUN GARRISON. LEVITHA GARRISON PROBABLY WITHDRAWN. LEROS GARRISON AND DEFENCE MANE MAN PRODUCTION POINT FOR DODECANESE WITHDRAWAL BY SEA. PATMOS GARRISON PROBABLY WITHDRAWN LIPOS AND GAIAROS NO GERMANS. FAMI GROUP PROBABLY UNGARRISONED. KHIOS ALLIED CONTROL AND ROS CONTROLEAN NIKARIA NO ENEMY. SAMOS EVACUATION WELL ADVANCED. LEMNOS EVACUATION PROCEEDING ABOUT 200 REMAIN IN GARRISON. SKYROS REPORTED EVACUATED UNDER GUERRILLA CONTROL. AEGIRA AMPHLEVES GARRISONED AND DEFENCES MAINTENED. MILOS OCCUPIED. IOS POSSIBLY SMALL PT SF. PAROS GARRISON REDUCED HULZ. SANTORIN GARRISON PROBABLY EVACUATED. PELOPONNESUS FREE OF ENEMY EXCEPT CORINTH NOTE EVACUATION NAUPLION STILL UNCONFIRMED. KALAMATA HARBOR FAIR CONDITION 270 YARDS BEYOND 18 FT WATER EAST END NORTH QUAY REMAINDER NORTH SIDE BLOCKED BY WRECKS. NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES INNER BASIN CLEAR WITH 20 FT WATER. 200 FT CLEAR WEST SIDE WITH 18 FT WATER. BV LC AT EAST END HARBOR SUITABLE FOR LST AND LCT GRADIENT 1 TO 40 WIDTH 80 YDS. PUBLIC SERVICE UNDAMAGED.
FLAT PART ENCLOSED CLASS 3 ARRIVED PREVIOUS AREA FROM ARCTIC
CAME AND STAY AWAY 1 CAR POOR ELECTRICAL LIGHT PLANT DESTROYED.
DOCK POSSIBLY SUNK AND 2 RIVER BOATS SUNK. DOCKING JETTY
2/A/5 REPORTED 1 SUBMARINE AREA ON HARBOR SUN FLOATING
SUNK ORION BURN OUT. RESULTS AIR ATTACKS KARMAHIA
EVACUATED. SHIPPING AREA SUNK CONTAINING PETROL CAN PROBABLY
BOTH MAYS OBSERVED MAR 26/27 SEP. PARTS PROBABLY
1/3 ROUND TRIPS CARRY MIGHTY PER PLANE. TOTAL 23 Sorties
RATE REMAIN AREAS ARMS AIR TRANSPORT ACTIVITY CONTINUE 5,000
EUROPE REPORTED KRII ABOUT TO BE EVACUATED. LEAVIN EUROPA
From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department.
Br: N 29526. 26th September 1944.

To 1200 hours 26th Sept OPS Southeastern Europe,
Br 316 WDGBI cite MGBB I signed Giles, N 29526.


Macedonia (British IO).
A. 185 trucks destined for Amindasion N 95 ambushed area 0 0266 Sept 21st resulting three trucks burnt, six captured, 20 damaged. Letter to Arissia N 96 by tanks. Nazis suffered 100 casualties, Andertes too.

B. Mission group cut track near Strymon bridge 053 in ten places night 21st/22nd Sept causing 24 hour delay.

Swtches at Ydha 6 44 station demolished night 18th/19th September.

Epirus (British IO).
A. NATBANDS occupied Arta X 09 evening 21st Sept informing ELAS unit in area.

B. Clash reported on Yannina-Arta road 22nd Sept when ELAS reportedly attacked NATBAND outpost.

Petra W 99 and Kerason W 99 reported occupied by Zervas 21st Sept.
From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

Nr: N 29526. 26th September 1944.


A. Bulgarian middle class reported disillusioned by severe discipline and behavior of Russians.

B. British Mission met with Major Gen Sirakov, Colonel Tonchev and Lt Col Radev. Letter stated that in their opinion British Mission was without official standing and unless contrary instructions were received, Bulgars were themselves entitled to settle political or other issues on behalf of Allies.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

CM-IN-24524 (26 Sep 44) 17242 Jb
From: US Military Attache, Beyrouth
To: War Department
No: 62196 25 September 1944

Message Nbr 62196

Independent Jewish Brigade to consist of 3 Infantry Battalions of British Army standard size to be taken from Palestinian Regiment as soon as they can be released from present duties and concentrated at Hurghad Arab Egypt. Headquarters and defense platoon now in formation. Will complete training in Italy for probable European service. No other plans now available here. Bitter antagonism is expected from Arab leaders who will foresee possible use of these trained troops against them in the forming of Jewish National Country.

Jackson

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
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CM-IN-24139  (26 Sep 44)  06372  min

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date
From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt  
To: War Department  
Nr: 636  
Date: 25 September 1944  
Ref your WARX 34272 September 21 from Dregge signed Giles msg nr 636.

Jewish Brigade will utilize existing Jewish soldiers on guard duty now for British but Palestine must replace these with about 7,000 by recruiting. Brigade will consist of all types of units to be self contained. Activation taking place immediately training at Birg El Arab, Egypt. Expect training will take six to nine months. No decision as to probable theater of service but according to agreement can not be sent to far east preindications are that will be difficult to recruit 7,000 in Palestine. Little comment along Arab countries although Arab reaction hostile to this further recognition and playing up of the Jews. Whole affair lightly regarded by British because of political pressure London.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
       OPD
       Col Park

CM-IN-23873 (25 Sep 44) 2344Z by

320 West

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AEGEAN SIT REP 17TH. MY 151447. ALMOST CERTAIN 2 SHIPS...NK WERE ERPEL AND HEIDELBERG. MAINHEIM AND TURBINE BURNED OUT SALAMIS RESULT AIR ATTACK SAME NIGHT. PELIKAN AT RHODES. ANDROS EVACUATED. EVACUATION OF SW CRETE AND MELOS COMMENCED. GARRISON CRETE NOW 16 THOUSAND AND RHODES 6/7 THOUSAND. 10TH BATTALION LEFT KOS 11TH BATTALION READY TO LEAVE. GENERAL MULLERHS LEFT CRETE GENERAL FREIDE NOW GONE CALINO. GARRISON REPORTED THINKING OUT BRITISH PATROLS NOW IN KITHERA.

16.....ACT
20G.....CNO.....COMINCH.....NAVAYDE.....200P.....

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From: Us Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1042
15 September 1944

MILID 403 AMSME 1042.

Policy announced over Turk radio and in press of refusing to admit Turkish Refugees Alma National Civialian or Military is being strictly enforced. It has been applied in the case of a Bulgarian Officer who was turned back on direct orders from General Staff. Turk Foreign Office assured Embassy that Jewish Refugees will continue to be admitted. Policy apparently aimed at German troops in Islands and former Bulgarian leaders.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
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CM-IN-14239 (15 Sep 44) 1946Z ejm

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/54
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

406
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1045

15 Sept 1944

JCZI to MILID 406 AMEME 1045

New foreign minister Turkey is colorless and is
generally regarded as slightly pro Russian. Almost a
stooge according Allied opinion. Appointment means policy
of Saracoglu and President will continue. Some even say
Saracoglu for all practical purposes is still foreign minis-
ter.

New finance minister is intellectual improvement
on predecessor who was unpopular. Changes mean nothing
much.

End

ACTION: O-2

IMPO: CG AAP

OPD

COL PARK

LOG

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
    CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

14 September 1944

Number MILID 398 AMSME 1037.

Comment in Turkish press blames Bulgaria for trying to play double game, thus bringing on Russian declaration of war and occupation. Latter has aroused Turk distrust of eventual Russian intentions in Balkan, with feeling that Russia will completely dominate that area.

Yalman Vatan says "Whatever the shape of the post war world may be, the principle of one's own safety first will be predominant in the transitional period. It is for this reason that the Turkish Nation is obliged to rely on itself and on itself alone."

Hope is expressed that America and Britain will temper the Russian attitude, desire is repeatedly expressed to have the Balkan situation clarified as soon as possible.

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INFO: CO AAP
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CM-IN-13384 (15 Sep 44) 0057Z by

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From: US Military Attache in Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo Egypt

NR: 394, 13th September 1944
Number MILID 394 AMSME 1033.

While Turk Government professes calmness Istanbul Wednesday was reported frantic with excitement over fear of Russian advance.

Wild selling in progress.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF
OPD

CM-IN-12631 (14 Sep 44) 06582 bjm

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
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From: US Military Attache Ankara Turkey
To: War Department
CC, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1016
8 September 1944
Number MILID 378 AMSME 1016

Gravest concern over future of Turkey at hands of Russia indicated by Turk Foreign Office official following Russian Declaration of War on Bulgaria. Said Turkey is being increasingly encircled by Russians who view Ankara government with coldest of eyes.

Predicted that Communist Federation or group of separate Communist States under Russian control would be created in Balkans and that Russia under some name or other would have ports both on Aegean and Adriatic.

Said Turkey might have revise foreign policy but could not say how. Said Turkey had repeatedly made friendly overtures to Russia and received in return only press and radio attacks from Moscow. Said Turks had even been unable to ascertain just why Russians were cold, that only specific points complained of were of such trivial nature that they could only be pretexts.

"Do they want the Straits? We do not know and neither do you".

Concluded by saying that Russia would take what she wanted in Europe and no one would stop her.

CM-IN-7747 (9 Sep 44)

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OSD letter, May 8, 1973

By JS, NARA Date: FEB 24-1973

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By RT, NARA Date 4/1/94
From: US Military Attache Ankara Turkey
8 September 1944

In contrast Deputy Chief Staff professed not to be alarmed over Russian action re Bulgaria. (Shortly before one his staff officers had indicated great concern less Russia occupy Bulgaria). Deputy said Turk Army was on guard but that he was completing security measures. Ammunition and reinforcements have been going Thrace recently. Deputy said it was greatly to British and American advantage for Turk Army to be strong.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF

CM-IN-7747 (9 Sep 44) 1014Z mos

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44

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RUSSIAN NAVAL ATTACHE CLAIMS POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE TURKISH DD TINAZTEPE SUNK IN BLACK SEA ABOUT 15 AUGUST. BRITISH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE HAS NO INFO. TURKISH GENERAL STAFF WHEN QUERIED BY BRITISH NA SEPT 5 DENIED REPORT

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

061550
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department 375
CG US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1011

7 September 1944

JCZI to MILID 375 AMSME 1011

Rumors current in Ankara and Istanbul recently that Turkey would enter war 15 September are unfounded according to British Ambassador. British Air and Military Attachés both say no pressure on Turks to do anything and that Turks have missed boat.

Turk Chief of Staff talks as if he would like to get in war now but admits there is nothing much for Turk Army to do at this time. Turk foreign office official says any entry of Turkey in war now would be entirely too humiliating unless it took part in some major action.

Presence here of British radar elements which now functioning, although not to best advantage, likely to have helped start rumor.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
OPD
801 Park
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CM-IN-6649 (8 Sep 44) 08192 by

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OSD letter, May 2, 1973
by JS, NARA Date FEB 20 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
SOURCE BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE. MY §11855. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO INFORM TURKS IF QUESTION IS BROUGHT UP AGAIN BY LATTER THAT TURKISH OCCUPATION OF MYTILENE AND CHIOS IS NOT A TABLK. THESE ISLANDS ARE TO BE OCCUPIED BY BRITISH OR GREEKS.

*FOUR LETTERS MISSING FROM CODE.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
BRITISH STATES MIDDLE EAST APPRECIATION 1 SEPT INCREASING EVIDENCE GERMAN EVACUATION ICHIAN ISLANDS AND LEMNOS AND CRETE.
Military Attache
American Embassy
Ankara, Turkey

Number: WAR 25233
Signed Bissell.

Supplementary information requested rear number 366 of 2 September: Is proposed occupation of islands by Turks to be accompanied by Turk declaration of war against Germany or is affair to be handled on basis of informal Anglo-Turk arrangement followed by a fait accompli. Information also desired on Greek aspect of such an occupation together with your views on the possibility that such occupation, unless accompanied by Turk war declaration, might form dangerous precedent in dealing with similar situations in enemy occupied areas in all war theaters.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Bissell
INFORMATION: Gen Arnold

CM-OUT-25233 (5 Sep 44) 0011Z hrt

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKS POSSIBLE OCCUPATION BY TURKS OF MYTILENE AND CHIOS WHEN ABANDONED BY GERMANS. BRITISH NAVAL RECONNAISSANCE CRAFT OPERATING IN NORTHWEST AEGEAN USING IMBROS AS BASE. SOURCE BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE.

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From: US Military Attache in Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department 365
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt 997
2 September 1944
Number MILID 365 AMSME 997

Raised to 250 is number Germans who have crossed
Thrace frontier and surrendered to Turks.
Island of Samos reported evacuated by British source
B2.

Building of small boats at Rhodes accelerated.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAAF, OPD, Col. Park

CM-IN- 2027 (3 Sept 44) 0848Z wk

3 Sep 44

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey.
To: War Department
OG US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo Egypt.

No: 366 2 September 1944

JOZI to MILID 366 ANMEM 998. TOP SECRET.

Discussions in progress between Turks and British occupation of islands of Chios and Naxos are according to Turkish and British secret information A2. Seems German garrisons intended to Turks they would like internment in Turkey and Turks asked British if they should occupy islands in that case.

This solution possible. British will insist on having bases for small vessels there.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFORMATION: Gen Arnold

CM-IN-1793 (3 Sep 44) 0158Z bjm

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/1974
REPORT FROM RHODES DATED 25 AUGUST RECEIVED BY LOCAL AGENT.

GERMAN OFFICER THERE STATES ORDER RECEIVED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MOST OF GERMAN TROOPS FROM ISLANDS. OCTOMINI FACTORY AT RHODES URGENTLY ORDERED TO BUILD SMALL BOATS AND LUMBER BEING BROUGHT THERE BY CAIQUES FROM OTHER ISLANDS. VOUliaSKENI SOUTH OF ATHENS OPPOSITE PHLEVA ISLAND NAMED AS DISEMBARKATION POINT FOR TROOPS FROM ISLANDS.

16...ACT

COMMCH...CNO...28G...NAVAIDE...25P....

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ACCORDING REPORT RECEIVED BY LOCAL AGENT TODAY NO GERMAN NAVAL FORCES REMAIN IN BULGARIAN PORTS.

ALL CRAFT THERE HAVE BEEN DISARMED OR HAVE SCUTTLED.

GERMAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN INTERNED

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GERMAN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL WERE TO HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED FOR TURKISH DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AT SVILENGRAD ON 1 SEPT. THIS EXCHANGE HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS. TURKISH PARTY INCLUDING STUDENTS STILL ABIENNA BECAUSE UNABLE PROCEED VIA ROUMANIA OR VIA YUGOSLAVIA WHERE WITHDRAWAL OF BULGARIAN TROOPS HAS OPENED SERBIA TO TITOS FORCES. GERMAN TROOPS AMOUNTING TO SOME 200 INCLUDING CUSTOMS GUARDS STATIONED IN SO-CALLED NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN EDIRNE AND DIMOTIKAH INTERNE THEMSELVES IN TURKEY AND GREEK PARTISANS HAVE MOVED IN. GERMAN DIPLOMATIC COLONY IN ANKARA BEING INTERNE IN EMBASSY GROUNDS AND ABOUT 175 DIPLOMATIC.
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PERSONNEL AND OTHERS IN ISTANBUL BEING INTERNED IN GERMAN EMBASSY GROUNDS PERA AND GHERAPIA BEGINNING TONIGHT. ABOVE FROM LOCAL AGENT.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
Nr: 360 1 September 1944

Number MILID 360 AMSME 992

Internment in Embassies at Ankara and Istanbul of Germans remaining in Turkey effective midnight Thursday ordered. Turk Foreign Office says they cannot get home because no governmental authority exists in Greece Thrace adjacent to Turk frontier German troops having been withdrawn. No specific mention of Bulgarian troops withdrawing.

According to Turk official interned Germans will include Von Bohde Milattache also Counselor Jenke and wife who sister of Ribbentrop. Guard will be placed on property of Embassies and entry and exit controlled by Turks. Only Swiss supposed to able to enter. Possible that German radio still can function. Swiss and Turks studying plans for later transfer of interned Germans to another Turk locality.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
TURKS WILL SHORTLY RESUME MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.

SS AYDIN LOADING AT IZMIR FOR HAIFA.

TSMAR AS SCHEDULED TO SAIL FROM ISKENDERUJJ FOR PORT SAID.

ODEMISH AND POSSIBLY ADANA TO LOAD CHROOE AT MERSIN.

2 SMALL TANKERS BASARI AND CANKAYAUQ RESUME SERVICE BETWEEN ISTANBUL AND ISKENDERUN.

SOURCE MWT REPRESENTATIVE

16...ACT

200P...NAVAIDE...CNO...COMINCH...2OG...ANPB...

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From: U. S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey.

To: War Department
CS, U.S. Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 989

30 August 1944

Ankara to MILID 354 ANSWER 989.

Evacuation of occupied territories under way according to plans states telegram received by Bulgarian Legation from official Bulgarian Press Agency.

Moushanov who parleying with British Ambassador left Istanbul for Cairo by special plane Tuesday according source B 2.

Trip follows visit to Sofia whence he returned by radio.

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ACTION: G-2

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(31 Aug 44)

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From: Teheran
To: SSA, Cairo, Egypt
Nr. M 32225 27 August 1944

For MIS and JIGAME from Baker.

Iraqi cabinet postponed yesterday apparently because of reluctance to fact interpellation and anticipated vote of lack of confidence in Parliament Session scheduled for today. Said will probably be asked to form another cabinet. This is culmination of long standing and persistent criticism of weak administration.

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By JS, NARA Date FEB 20, 1973

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INFO: CG AAF
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COL-PARK
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CM-IN-25171 (28 Aug 44) 2050Z mos

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From: U. S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
    CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
    12 August 1944
    Ankara to MILID 321 AN50E 956.

Portion of German Forces in Greece and Balkans have been sent north according Turk Deputy Chief Staff. Has no info that Germans are evacuating Crete or Jegan Islands has no info indicating hostile German reaction against Turkey and does not expect such at present time.

DCS WEO regarded as anti Bulgar says Bulgar attitude has been most helpful to Turkey and intimated important developments in Bulgaris were imminent. Trouble in German Command extremely serious and expects German Army soon to fight with less resolution in consequence. Thinks war in Europe will end before winter.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAOF, OPD, Col Park, Log

CM-IN-11338 (13 Aug 44) 0117Z Jb

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
DTG: 12/0915Z  12 August 1944

Between July 15 and August 3rd following formations according Russian MA have been identified on North and Central parts of East Front:

73rd Infantry Division and 18th SS Armored Division which had been in Hungary also Herman Goering Division.

From Norway came 196th Infantry Division.

Also identified were 174th Reserve Division and 541st and 542nd Reserve Divisions.

From Germany came 544th Reserve Division and 14th Infantry SS Division also 561st Infantry Brigade.

From West Poland were engaged 1133rd and 1134th Infantry Brigades.

From Yugoslavia Mountain Division went to East Front.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAP
OPD
Col Park
Log

CM-IN-11643  (13 Aug 44)  0939Z  pa

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Nr: 314 7 August 1944

JCZI to MILID 314 AMSME 945.

Starting tonight blackout ordered in Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir. Delay may be due to time lag. Turks say they have no alarming intelligence. Action would be useful preparation for any further Turk step to assist Allies.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF OPD Col Park Log
CM-IN-6696 (8 Aug 44) 03452 bjm

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FROM ALUSHA DEVOLGLU
RELEASED BY
DATE 6 AUG 1944
TOR CODEDOM 375B
DECODER BY BECHLER
PARAPHRASED BY TURLEY
ROUTED BY CONNORS

ADMIRAL

SUEDISH MINISTER AFTER CONVERSATION VON PAPEN SAYS LATTER IS BROKEN HEARTED AND QUOTES HIM SAYING SARACOGLU TOLD HIM NOT TO TAKE ANY HOSTILE ACTION. VON PAPEN SAID HE WOULD RETURN GERMANY BULGARIA BUT AT GRAVE PERSONAL RISK.

BULGARIAN MINISTER TOLD SWEDISH MINISTER BULGARIA WERE MAKING CONCESSIONS TO RUSSIA AND THAT NEITHER BULGARIA NOR GERMANY WERE IN POSITION TO ATTACK TURKEY.

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OSD Letter, May 3, 1972

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From: US Military Attaché Ankara Turkey
To: War Department

5 August 1944

Popular apprehension among Turks now considerably allayed. General reaction to breaking relations with Germany was one of relief as more violent step had been feared by many. Suspicion is still felt by some that Turk Government has already agreed in principle to further step at future date such as granting of air bases to Allies. However Turks generally hope war will end before they become more deeply involved.

While break with Germany was none too popular a move two days ago, Nation accepts Government view that Turk interest demanded such action. Press of course upholds course of government. While vote in Assembly was unanimous it is understood there was appreciable opposition in party meeting.

Allies will be blamed for any German attack. Izmir got quite panic Wednesday over rumor 1200 American planes had landed in southwest Turkey.

Bulgaria apparently deeply impressed although too early for full effect of Turk action to be evident. Bulgaria radio at great lengths proclaimed Bulgarian friendship for Turkey and insisted nations had no cause for quarrel. Acceleration of Bulgarian effort to break away from Germans
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From: US Military Attache Ankara Turkey MILID 310
To: War Department ASME 942

expected in fact some optimistic observers predict Bulgaria will be out of war this month.

Marked lack of Russian enthusiasm over Turkish rupture with Germany attributed by our charge affairs to Russian view that Turkey should have done more. Early in negotiations Russians indicated to Turks that Turkey should declare war. One caustic Russian comment Turkey is doing nothing too late.

End

ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: OG AAP OPD Col Park Log

CM-IN-4437 (5 Aug 44) 2048Z bjm

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By JS, NARA Date FEB 2 0 1973

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From: CC, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Re: GY 35 31 July 1944

For Bissell from Larrabee msg nr GY 35.

Most credible source informs me that British began secret movement four squadrons Royal Air Force from this theater into Turkey on 30th July. Significance is that this movement will afford some air protection Istanbul should Turkish Axis situation become more serious within next few days.

End

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CC AAF OPD Col. Park Log
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E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(II) and 5(U) or (G)
ORD letter, May 2, 1972
By JS, Mar 1, 1973
About two weeks ago, Von Papen was informed by Saracoğlu, according to Turk source B2, that under Allied pressure, Turkey would soon be forced to break trade and diplomatic relations with Germany. German asked "Then this means war?", to which Turk replied there was no intention of going to war against Germany unless German reprisals were such as to bring on war.

Papen then said B3 to have told German Colony relations would be broken but there would be no war. Rumors continue, however, that German reaction will take form of prompt air attacks.

Papen reported to have seen Swiss Minister Saturday and according one source made arrangements for Swiss to take over German affairs. Clerks at Swiss Legation worked Sunday and when absent from Legation were warned to stay close to phone. German Summer Embassy near Istanbul which was recently occupied now seems nearly deserted. Much freight taken from there by boat Saturday. Many Germs came Ankara from Istanbul Sunday.

Von Papen tried to see Turk Premier but Turk refused to receive him. Papen asking to see President but reported

CM-IN-495 (1 Aug 44)
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey.
31 July 1944.
this will also be denied at least until Tuesday.

From another source B3 comes confirmation of report that Germany recently sent Turkey a note stating that Germany would regard granting of military facilities to Allies as casus belli.

Apprehension in Istanbul over expected break considerably alleviated by Russian victories and expecting war will soon end.

Mines being laid in Black Sea, near Izmir and Mersin and Iskenderun according source B3. This was reason for stopping sea passenger traffic in Black Sea. Small vessels have gone to Zonguldak for coal which Soviet traffic can not be held up long. Zonguldak mines now producing 5000 tons coal daily. Ministry Communications says its coal ships haul 130,000 tons coal monthly. Railway system could move 3,000 tons daily. Railroads have now two months load reserve. If sea shipments stopped railroads could continue function but stoppage would occur in other vital installations such as gas and electricity plants and ferry service.

End.

ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFO: Gen Arnold
Col Park
CPD
Log
CM-IN-495 (1 Aug 44) 15512 ejm

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ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOLLOWING FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE LOCAL TREND.

JULY 16 GERMANS IN TURKEY CAUTIONED BY EMBASSY TO STAND BY FOR EVACUATION ABOUT END OF MONTH. GERMANS HAD BEEN IN PORT REPORTED STANDING BY. GERMANS HAVE WITHDRAWN LARGE SUMS FROM LOCAL BANKS. JULY 26 TURK CANCELLED MILITARY LEAVE AND ORDERED MERCHANT SHIPS TO HOME PORTS. GENERAL STAFF PREPARING DEFEND CITIES AGAINST AIR ATTACK. UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT WILL BE GIVEN FULL POWERS WHEN PARLIAMENT MEETS AUGUST 2ND.

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
   06, US Army Forces in the Middle East, 9930 Cairo, Egypt

30 July 1944

TO DPU 10 111D

IN MILID 299 ANSHEE 9930

Breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany by Turkey on August 2 is not expected in British and American diplomatic circles to result in German air attack of Turkey. Some military officers less certain. Turk Premier officially puts chance of hostile military reaction at ten percent. Privately he says fifty fifty. Turk Chief of Staff says if soldiers controlled Germany there would be little danger of attack on Turkey but no one can tell what Nazis will do.

Von Papen has returned Ankara presumably to see Saracoğlu but Turks plans not to discuss matter with him until Tuesday morning when he will show Papen what he expects to tell assembly next day. Probably he also expects to tell Papen that Turkey has no hostile intentions and urge that Germany accept break without bringing on war.

Quite possible that Germans know what is coming. Russian diplomat suggests Turks have warned them already. From neutral source is report that Germans will take initiative in breaking relations before August 2.

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By JS, NARR Date Feb 20 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

30 July 1944

Turk ambassador to Berlin however is reported by another source as having been approached by Ribbentrop and implored to do everything possible to keep Turkey out of war for at least two months.

Apparently British are not trying to push Turkey into war just now. Most local military British feel it would be grave disadvantage at this time.

Bulgarian minister and Turk premiere have spent much time together. Apparently Bulgars suspect what is likely to happen and are assuring Turks of Bulgar friendship and promising they will not attack, doubtful if they could or would prevent Germans from using Bulgar air fields however.

Effective upon break in relations supply of arms and equipment is to be resumed. Turk requests are considered much more reasonable than formerly. British offered night fighter squadron but Turks fearing this might incite German attack prefer to have it stand by at Aleppo. Two other fighter squadrons will be available on short notice if Germans actually attack. Impression is Germans would attack if British Air Force should bring operating units into Turkey.

Turks finally agreed to British radar crews entering Turkey provided they come in civilian clothes but arrangement was delayed so long these will arrive after break in
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
30 July 1944

Diplomatic relations. Equipment is on hand and is being maintained in spite of original Turkish objection to this. Network will extend from Zonguldak to south of İzmir. Unlikely that it will prove very effective for first few days. Strictly Turkish warning methods nearly useless. Interest this week planes flew over İzmir to Ankara. Planes reached Ankara twelve minutes before first warning.

Because of lack suitable communications lack active training scarcity of spare parts and obsolescent equipment Türk air force would be relatively ineffective against German air attack even by small force. Doubled that Turks could prevent terrific damage and loss of life in İstanbul and heavy damage to İzmir and Ankara also no allied defense force could be brought into Turkey and installed under proper operating conditions in time to defend these cities successfully. On 31st Turks will make major shift of air force. Best equipment will go into general area İstanbul, Bursa and Bandırma. Hurricane squadron will be in support at Ankara. AA defense Ankara being strengthened and rearranged. About 44 3.7 guns and 66 Bofors are in position. However communications are lacking and few of crews have ever fired at moving targets.

Turks have asked for replacement of obsolete planes and spares for their better equipment. They want 300 Spitfires and Mosquitoes but no personnel. Probably that some small British Naval craft will be allowed in Turkish waters south of İzmir. Turks will get some mine sweepers.

ACTION: Gen Bliss
INFO: Gen. Arnold, OFD, Col. Park, C of S

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
Nr: 297 28 July 1944

JU21 to MILID 297 ANWAR 928

Comments in Turk press follow:

Germanophile Cumhuriet states that existence in Germany of slightest glimmer of hope German victory would have prevented attack on Hitler by German Generals. Tan describes attack as organised plot which shows first important dissension between German Army and Nazis.

Tan sees end of Second World War as near because Nazis may be able suppress present uprisings but later rebellion will be too strong. Rivalries between Nazis and Old Stock military leaders will halve German power of resistance. Editorial by Yeniseah “The beginning of the end is now fully in sight”.

Yalciin in Fatnin writes that present conspiracy is national move aimed at shaking off fatal Nazi yoke. Sertel in Tan describes plot as beginning of a large scale civil war. Nazi terror may delay disintegration but cannot suppress it completely. In another article Sertel says revolt constitutes youth which will make it impossible for Germany to continue war long. Atay in Ulus says state of mind which prompted attack still exists.

CM-IN-24601 (29 July 44)

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
Nr: 297 28 July 1944

US in Zakt "Hitler has come out unharmed from the attack but there is no doubt that the bomb thrown has seriously injured the German war machine." Benioff in "Neue Zürcher" has pro-German editorial to effect that Generals responsible for plot to stab Germany in back were those removed for having neglected their duties. These Generals were in foreign employ. Failure has called forth great rejoicing not only in Germany but also in Allied countries. Same paper in another article however says attack proves existence of profound dissatisfaction in Germany.

Aksam editorial by Sadak "Constitutes most significant indication of beginning of disintegration within Germany. Repercussions of the bomb are such as to drown thoroughly all the ado made by German propaganda about secret weapons and faith in victory." Benioff in "Neue Postagi" considers discord will bring about a complete change in situation and may even arrest German war machine earlier than was possible.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD
Col Park

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From: US, Military Attaché Ankara, Turkey.
To: War Department.
No: 295

JOZI to MILID 295 ANSME 926.

28 July 1944

Writing in Vakit Deputy US says fact that Bagrianov friend of Turkey heads Bulgarian Government is fortuitous sign for Turk Bulgar relations and Balkan security. Although Bulgaria declared War against England and America she did not provide Axis with fighting forces. Moreover she maintained diplomatic relations with Russia. This situation may allow Bulgaria to extricate herself from present difficulties. Possibility consists in telling Berlin in friendly manner that hence forth Bulgaria will follow independent policy for sake of welfare and right to live of Balkan nations. Should Bagrianov succeed in convincing German occupation forces south of Danube to withdraw it will not be necessary for Allies to envisage military operation in Balkans to liberate Balkan nations. Bagrianov Government may perhaps also succeed in having mistakes of its predecessors forgiven by victor states. In such case Bagrianov will have rendered unforgettable service to his country.

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ACTION: 0-2
INFO: GGAAP

CM-IN-23739 (28 Jul 44) 1957Z

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OSD Dates: May 3, 1972

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.
To: War Department. CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

26 July 1944

Extremely limited distribution requested as this is TOP SEC. Mag nr for MILID 290 ANSM 921.

Decision made by Turks to break all relations with Germany effective August 2nd according Turk source B 2. Celal Bayar, former Premier, also says this decision has been made. August 2nd, date National Assembly reconvenes, suggested as date for announcement. This date given by still a third source. Previously it had been thought that diplomatic break would be postponed until middle or latter part August when crops would have been harvested. This was idea of Tefvik Rustu Aras. Believe August 2nd date to be correct now, however.

Turk National Assembly usually adjourns for summer soon after July lat. It kept going until after middle of July this year and then took two weeks off only. Obviously expects to pass on matters of major importance.

Turks are making belated efforts to get their radar equipment in shape. British left this equipment in northwest Turkey with skeleton crews. These technicians were not allowed to maintain equipment. Turks gave as absurd pretext fear that British technicians might send secret messages. After strong British protest a few days ago Turks decided to

CM-IN-21925 (26 Jul 44)
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.

26 July 1944

allow British to put this equipment in order. Apparently Turks do not anticipate much military reaction from Germans regardless of political developments.

Head of British Intelligence in Turkey just back from England says British at present are not interested in Turkish military action now. Russian MA sees no military value in what Turks may do now but admits political action might be important. Undoubtedly while Balkan situation will be affected vitally. Unless Germany collapses rapidly possibility of eventual Turkish military action against Germany can not be excluded regardless of whether intended under present plans.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
OPD
Col Park
Corps

CM-IN-21925 (26 Jul 44) 2235Z bjm
(LT COMDR EAGLE REQUESTS DELIVERY TO NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT)

Today at his urgent request I saw Baron von Lersyov, last German charge d'affaire in Washington, 1917 and President German delegation to Versailles Conference. He is refugee from Germany because of his partial Jewish blood. He is von Papen's trusted advisor. He begged me again and again to urge President Roosevelt to prevent Turkey going into war saying it would only mean misery to countless thousands in this hitherto peaceful corner of Europe and would achieve little for allies as German collapse in any case is near. I feel beyond reasonable doubt he is speaking for von Papen and therefore consider his vehemence on this subject significant. NAVAL AIDE ACT

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: N 26786 24th July 1944

For Hildring and UNRRA from Sadler signed Giles N 26786.

UNRRA number 281. Your 159.

1. As indicated our envoy 282. Egyptian Parliament has not passed legislation authorising UNRRA operating contribution as proposed under resolution 14 section four. Official estimate Egyptian National income not available.

2. Discussions relative Egyptian cotton held with British and American commercial attaches. According British officials, cotton production is 200,000 short tons per annum. Of this 50,000 tons is for local consumption 131,000 tons UK USA India purchase 10,000 tons Middle East purchase 5,750 tons available other purchasers. British attaché estimates present free stock cotton 250,000 tons held by Egyptian Government or speculators. Quantity and quality actual Egyptian Government stocks from last two years crops unknown. He indicated low quality cotton selling about Egyptian pounds 120 tons and high quality cotton Egyptian pounds 180 to 190 ton. Mister Dow American Legation indicated on basis Egyptian Government figures 474,050 tons cotton on hand 9th June. Of this it is estimated approximately 225,000 tons available for purchase. Most available cotton short staple Ashum and Zagora. Some traders state government figure may be 50,000 tons too high. Suggest you contact Arthur Moelberger FEM Washington who recently made thorough study Egyptian cotton position. Commercial attaché and financial adviser to British Embassy indicated some concern over prospect UNRRA's procurement in Middle East, contending there is little or nothing available UNRRA's use this area. Their misunderstanding with respect established UNRRA.

CM-IN- 20261 (24 July 44)
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt

Procurement procedure partly responsible for their concern. Contention no significant supplies will be available in this area does not appear correct to us at this time. Shall attempt clarify question of respective roles Egyptian Government and MESC regarding UNRRA procurement of commodities which may be offered or suggested as part Egyptian contribution. Satisfactory answer not likely until Egyptian Government approves UNRRA contribution and suggests from it should take. Information now available suggests high prices absence exportable surplus and transport difficulties make UNRRA procurement in Iran unlikely. Iraq will probably have exportable supplies grain, mostly barley, which may be obtained if transport problem can be solved. Final judgment these matters awaits further discussion with MESC and US and UK officials Teheran.

End.

ACTION: CAD
INFO: OPD, G-2, Col. Park, Mr. McCloy

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From: A.F.H.Q. Signed Wilson
To: British Chiefs of Staff
Info: Joint Staff Mission for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
No: MEDCOS 165 23 July 1944

FX 74539.
Owing to errors in transmission following amendments necessary to MEDCOS 164a.

Para 3.
For "GCI and full report for Ankara" read "GCI and full communications for Ankara".

Para 5.
For "penalising Alexandria" read "reducing Alexandria".

Para 7.
For "comparison difficult" read "most difficult".

Para 10.
First sentence delete "thickening";
Second sentence delete "strengthening".

Para 11.
for "resolve real" read "any real".

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Date- DEC 23 1971

Signature- [signature]

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Para 12.

For "weakness of their shipping" read "weakness of Turkish shipping".

T.O.O. 231145Z

End

* Aid to Turkey.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
      Gen Arnold
      OPD
      Gen Bissell
      Adm King
      C of S

CM-IN-19568 (24 Jul 44) 0218Z bem
From: A.F.H.Q., Adv. C. P.
To: Chiefs of Staff
NR: MEDCOS 164 20 July 1944

Signed Wilson cite PHCS.

The following is brief outline my proposal in accordance with your instructions in OOSHD 151.

Following based on assumption that situation will develop in 2 stages:

(A) (Your paragraph 3.) Subsequent rupture relations but prior declaration of war or attack on Turkey by Germany.

(B) (Your paragraph 5.) When Turkey becomes a belligerent.

If situation develops to point of Turkey declaring war simultaneously with rupture relations I am not clear as to your intention, i.e. whether action under paragraph 5 of your tele- gram would be taken and British units dispatched prior German attack on Turkey. In the past, Turkish attitude has been that the moving in of British units would be tantamount to a declara- tion of war. Nor am I aware whether policy in that event would be for Turkey to declare war on Bulgaria and Romania as well as Germany. I would welcome guidances on these points, but in either event action proposed substantially unaffected.

2. Resumption supplies referred to in your paragraph 2 presents no major difficulty in this matter is subject separate signals between Midast and London. There can obviously be no automatic re-assumption previous commitments particularly on air side but there appears no insuperable difficulty in resuming supplies at least on scale Turks could usefully absorb.

3. Stage "A". Air. Equipment necessary for initial Radar cover and communications for air defence Izmir and Istanbul now in Turkey. Provisional Radar cover and minimum essential

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communication equipment for Ankara can be flown in from Mideast within 7 days after decision. OCI and full report for Ankara could be made available on site within 14 days. Radar personnel can be made available from Mideast without diversion from other operations. Signals personnel are real crux and can only be found at expense of Wing Headquarters urgently required and due to sail Italy. Number not great and sincerely hope could be found from U.K.; NAAP will signal details direct to Air Ministry.

4. Ack ack. 4 light warning sets with operator for operation rooms in Istanbul and Izmır, Ankara and Khogeldak will be provided from Mideast resources without detriment to other operation.

5. Navy. As insurance against stoppage of Turkish sea traffic, particularly coal traffic, we propose to send some minesweepers since Turkish resources are entirely inadequate. A token force could be provided and sent via Turkish territorial waters without affecting ANVIL or DIADEM, but that would mean penalising Alexandria and Canal area below the danger point as long as any danger of mining exists there. Necessary technical base staff can be provided. This action could be taken as soon as date of rupture diplomatic relations is decided.

6. Stage "B". Air. It is considered 2 day Fighter Spitfire Squadrons are adequate in view improbability of serious attack by day if any Spitfires known to be present. This would provide for one squadron at each Istanbul and Izmır less a detachment at Ankara. One squadron can be found from Mideast at expense of slight added risk which is considered acceptable. The other would be one of those which are due to transfer to Italy in near future.

7. Night fighter aircraft considered to be contribution of most practicable importance and at same time comparison difficult to find. Minimum of 14 considered necessary to provide reasonable protection against probable threat to
Istanbul and Izmir plus small detachment Ankara. These would be found by taking small detachments from ANQ Air Defence Eastern Mediterranean, Malta, Sicily and heel of Italy, this avoiding reductions in ANVIL build-up, or on that section convoy route West of Tunis that is within range of air attack from Southern France. It inevitably involves some small increase in not very serious risk to port, airfield and convoy in the area concerned.

8. Any air force sent to Turkey will have to be accompanied by minimum necessary maintenance backing in the form of ASU, RSU, etc. This can only be found (a) by withholding from CMF certain technical personnel due to sail end of this month, and (b) by dispatch from CMF a limited number personnel of category in which they are already seriously short. This will be most awkward and unless necessary personnel can be found from U.K. can only be done by spreading deficiencies over all British Air Forces in MEDIT Command, including the Spitfire Wing assigned to ANVIL, with some consequent reduction in possible overall scale of effort. This is only lane in which ANVIL will be affected by these proposals. The effect will not be very serious especially as a high scale of effort can always be produced for short critical period even with reduced resources.

9. It should be understood that foregoing only provides for minimum scale of defense for Turkish cities and does not cater for other possibly important requirements such as protection of coal traffic between Koguldak and Bosphorus.

10. The commitment in foregoing paragraphs involves thickening air lift of the order of 60 to 70 sorties. This can be found at expense of the dislocation of normal services which are already seriously strained and faced with considerable back log as well as strengthening air supply Yugoslav Partisans.
11. Army. Propose that AA commitment be limited to 1 heavy and 1 light AA regiment and gun operation room for 4 points in para. 4 above. This will provide for defense of airfield but gun defense of town will be left to Turkish AA, warning and identification system being established by R.A.F. This is not much more than token but resolute real adequate gun defense would be far beyond our capacity to provide. The 2 regiments can be found from Middle East at expense conversion already approved and urgently required to provide infantry at replacement. Necessary signal and administrative personnel can be found with difficulty at expense Middle East internal security and general efficiency.

12. Navy. If enemy appreciates weakness of their shipping situation and act accordingly, it would be necessary to supplement protection coal traffic in the Black Sea. 3 anti-submarine vessels could be provided at expense main shipping routes in Mediterranean; British navy personnel to operate and maintain them could be made available from personnel earmarked for aid to Greece.

13. It is difficult to give accurate estimate of time factor for second stage but it is probable that necessary move could be completed in something in the order of 10 to 14 days.

14. Some increase in scale resources that can be directed to Turkey should be possibly a month or so after the successful establishment of the ANVIL lodgement.

15. You will appreciate the need for a very early decision this matter. Action to implement already approved decisions, such as move unit from Middle East to C.M.F., and conversion of AA unit to infantry role, is imminent and must be suspended within the next few days, if foregoing proposals are to be put into effect.

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INFO: Adm. Leahy
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CM-IN-17049 (21 Jul 44) 0143Z by
From: AFGH (Signed Wilson)
To: Chiefs of Staff
No.: FX 73685 19 July 1944
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Reference COSHHED 151 and 152.

Matter of aid to Turkey is being examined in the light of conditions described. MidEast have been requested to send representatives here to attend meetings for this purpose.

Will send a complete answer as early as possible.

T.O.O. 191606B

Note: COSHHED 151 is CM-IN-13973 (17 Jul 44) 009
COSHHED 152 is CM-IN-16653 (20 Jul 44) 008

ACTION: 008
INFO: Adm. Leahy
       General Arnold
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       Gen. Bissell
       Adm. King
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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey.

To: War Department, CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

17 July 1944

Mag nr to MILID 276 for ANSWER 908.

Notice A 106J in Ankara ending anticipated announcement of further Turk concessions to Allies as result of British pressure. Speculation principally concerned with whether Turks will merely make further radical reduction in exports of strategic materials to Germany, break commercial relations entirely or even break diplomatic relations. Even first step could develop rapidly.

Our Charge Affairs talks as if commercial break is more likely as first step but does not exclude possibility of diplomatic break developing. According Source C3 Secret Memo has been circulated in Swiss Legation stating that Turks under British pressure have already decided to break diplomatic relations and clear Germans out of turkey. Correspondents have sent stories predicting diplomatic break and Turks passed these.

Generally expected that strong steps will be taken within one week. Rumors even predict action from day to day. Some observers suspect portion of these rumors were inspired by British to help Turks make up their minds.

Impression here is that if Allies consider it

CM-IN-14617 (18 Jul 44)
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.

No: 276
17 July 1944

Desirable for Turkey to enter war and should apply strong pressure to bring this about that Turkey would come in although reluctantly.

Turk reinforcement of Thrace has been virtually completed. Moreover because of obvious German weakness Turks no longer fear ground attack by Germans and Bulgarians. However, Turks are extremely poorly prepared to defend against even weak air attacks on cities and communications.

Turk paper Tanin under headlines reading, "A German threat addressed to Turkey", expresses irritation over a TF dispatch from Berlin referring to rumors about possibilities that a non-belligerent country in Southeast Europe might enter war against Germany and reporting adoption of measures by Berlin aimed at reaching sharply to such eventuality. Paper expresses surprise at German dispatch, refers to errors of German propaganda and says greatest of these are such crude threats which futilely aim at intimidating others.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CQ AAF

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FROM: A.P.H.Q. Adv. OP (FHC08)
TO: Chiefs of Staff
INFO: Joint Staff Mission, Washington, for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Middle, A.P.H.Q.

DATED: 15 July 1944

1. Note from para. 3 of COSMED 147 the implication that assistance would not be sent to Turkey unless and until she is actually attacked by Germany. I hope this reading is correct. MAAF and Navy are examining what could be done with least effect on other operations in the Mediterranean, but I can hold out no hope of being able to send anything worth sending to Turkey without affecting DIADEN. This would be bad enough if Turkey were actually at war, but disastrous if it were merely as a form of insurance against possible attack which I agree with you in thinking unlikely. Even despatch of AA units could only be at expense of urgently required replacements which we plan to get by disbanding AA units. Meanwhile I am taking no steps to hold up disbandments recently agreed. Similar (considerations?) apply to Naval forces, particularly mine sweepers. We require all our resources in craft of all sorts to support DIADEN and launch ANYL.

2. The possibility of renewed staff conversations with the Turks in which we shall be bound to reveal that we have no air or AA units immediately available to send to Turkey has a

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bearing on the last sentence of your COSMED 146. We know that our ZEPPELIN activities in June were successful in making Turks think we had substantial forces in the Levant. The disclosure of the real state of affairs, which is unlikely long to be withheld from the Germans, would inevitably remove any delusions they may still cherish about our strength in the Eastern Mediterranean. For these reasons I should much prefer that no staff conversations of any sort be held with the Turks until ANVIL has been launched.

T.O.O. 151600B
End.

Note: COSMED 147 is CM-IN-12811 (16 Jul 44) 00/5
COSMED 146 is CM-IN-8766 (11 Jul 44) 00/5

ACTION: 00/5

INPO: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
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Gen. Bissell
Adm. King
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CM-IN-13972 (17 Jul 44) 1631Z MIA
From: C.O.S.  
To: APHQ  
Info: JSM  
No: COSMED 151  
15 July 1944

BIGOT

Following for General Wilson from Chiefs of Staff Reference COSMED 147.

With the war rising to a climax, Prime Minister and War Cabinet consider Turkish rupture of relations with Germany will have a most important effect, and Foreign Secretary has telegraphed to Moscow and Washington asking the Russians and Americans to support us in inviting Turkey to make the break forthwith.

2. If Turkey breaks off relations as requested it is intended that the flow of supplies suspended earlier this year will so far as is possible be resumed forthwith. This question is under urgent examination here and you will be notified.

3. It is not the intention of H.M.G. that British Units, whether RAF or AA should be sent to the Turks immediately on their rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany. On the other hand, technical equipment, including particularly radar, together with such technicians as are necessary and can be made available for assisting the Turks in the air defense of their cities, should be dispatched to them at once. Your proposals are requested.

CM-IN-13973 (17 Jul 44)
4. Turkish Government will be informed that if her action involves here in hostilities with Germany, United Kingdom will lend here all assistance economic and military in its power, and that this aid and assistance will be subject of conversations between the two General Staffs and the two Governments as and when necessary. Conversations will cover question of military supplies of all sorts. You should therefore be prepared to appoint representatives to take part in these conversations.

5. If contrary to expectations Germany should attack Turkey because of the rupture of relations it will be necessary to give her all the assistance in our power, particularly assistance in repelling air attacks on Turkish cities, which is the most probable form of German aggression. You should at once consider what improvisations can be made for this purpose, bearing in mind that there must be in the minimum possible diversion from ANVIL and the campaign in Italy. Your plans and proposals are requested.

T.O.O. 151735Z

Note: COSMED 147 is CM-IN-12811 (16 Jul 44) COS
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CM-IN-13973 (17 Jul 44) 1632Z efv
1. Foreign Office with approval of War Cabinet are preparing to enlist U.S. and Soviet support in the dispatch of instructions to Angora to ask Turkish Government to break off political and economic relations with Germany at once.

2. We have informed Foreign Office that we have no comments to offer provided it is clearly understood that we are not committed in any way to provide Turkey with any specific British Military Naval or Air Forces.

3. At the same time we realize that if Germany should retaliate by attacking Turkey as a result of this proposed action (which we do not consider likely) we shall be faced with a demand to provide at least a minimum force for defense against air attack on Istanbul and possibly other Turkish towns.

4. We consider that this demand would probably be met by dispatch of a force of 3 day fighter squadrons and 1 night fighter squadron with appropriate radar and A.A. personnel.

5. The Turks would also require some naval assistance with their minesweeping and anti-submarine measures.

6. We have made it clear that even minimum forces outlined above cannot be provided without affecting ANVIL and DIADEN and that, on military grounds, we cannot advocate any action which would lead to demands being made upon us by Turkey which would impinge upon success of ANVIL or DIADEN. We recognize however that there would be great political advantages in Turkey breaking off relations with Germany.

7. We have recommended that the dispatch of equipment to Turkey should be resumed.

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INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm King, OPD, Log

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
No: 264
7 July 1944

MSG FOR MILID NUMBER 264 ANSME 892.

Cessation of business relations between Turks and Germans predicted by Turk source B 2 close to inside. Saracoglu and British Ambassador spending much time together. Turks believed anxious to make some gesture proving their attachment to Allied cause without entering war. If Allied pressure were applied, believe they would enter war although somewhat reluctantly.

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To: War Department
    CG US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo Egypt 262
    6 July 1944
    Number MILID 262 AMNE 890.

Commercial negotiations between Allies and Turks are continuing but are not being pressed. Our Charge d'Affaires insists Turks are putting into effect 50% reduction of shipments of strategic materials to Germany and that Turks have agreed to this knowing that further demands were likely to be made.

However British Commercial Counselor is not satisfied that sufficient reduction in shipments are actually being made by Turks. He says copper shipments in first half June showed increase.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

6 July 1944
Mag nr for MILID 263 ANSI 891.

Rumors of important change of some kind in Turk foreign policy continue. Basis and origin obscure but Turk Foreign Office has cancelled all leaves for all working there until further notice.

British Air Attache doubts that British will want Turks in war at any time and terms them liability rather than asset.

End

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INFORMATION: CG AAF

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
    CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 884

Nr. 3 July 1944

Mag Nr for MILID 254 AMSME 884.

Break in relations between Turkey and Germany before many weeks predicted by Tefik Rustu Aras, former foreign minister and possibly next one. Aras also said Turkey would enter war on side of Allies if he could bring this about. Predicts events will soon begin move rapidly here.

Tindall

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CM-IN-2205 (3 July 44) 1902Z pa
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East,
Cairo, Egypt

30 June 1944

Number MILID 244 AMSP 875.

During stormy cabinet meeting which led to resignation of Memen Coglu as Turk Foreign Minister, President Inonu outlined situation of Turkey according Turk source B 2 and said:

"Situation is such we must be whole heartedly with Allies. We must follow their lead. If they want us to enter war, we enter war. Istanbul may be bombed but many cities have been bombed out of existence and this is no time for us to hold back on that account."

He then demanded foreign minister resign.

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
No: 241 26 June 1944

Number 241.

Indications are Turk Government impressed by Allied successes and German weakness is now less allergic to idea of entering war. If pressed by Allies Turks probably would agree to come in at cheaper price in materiel than they demanded in January. They would prefer to watch operations short time longer before making any decision particularly as flying bombs and German propaganda thence on seem to have impressed Turks who immediately imagined Istanbul as target. Turks still would want to know what is intended in Balkans.

Turks are being disciplined by events and now fear post war isolation. They realize Allies may not want them in war now but seem to be adopting troop dispositions which would facilitate their action if Allies called on them.

Russians here seem cold to idea. Russian Air Attaché believes Turks are thinking of coming in war and considers Turk attack against Bulgaria would be great disadvantage. Says events are weaning Bulgars away from Germans besides Turk army would be useless unless given much Allied material.

Ambassador Steinhardt plans to return to states in few days for consultation on situation.

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From: CG, Persian Gulf Command Teheran Iran
To: War Department
CG, Military Attaché Cairo, Egypt
Nr.: M 32197 25th June 1944.

For MIS and JICAME nr. M 32197 from B.

Doctor Milsapah submitted his resignation to be effective June 29th in letter to Prime Minister dated June 23rd published in Press today; grounds given are submission of bill to parliament by cabinet proposing repeal of law of May 1943 which gave plenary economic powers to Milsapah and also general failure of govt to support mission; Prime Minister has declined to accept his resignation; majority of senior members of mission who are heads of departments submitted their resignations to Milsapah yesterday; bill has not yet come to vote and govt and Majlis are apparently endeavoring to arrive at some sort of compromise with mission; delivery of civilian and military Lease Land supplies to govt is being held up pending settlement of situation. 10 entertainers who were N.Y. officials or employees were set free June 22nd; see our report 163 dated 25th Sept 1943; 7 of 10 were listed in our report. Weekly round trips civilian air mail and passenger svc Tehran Isfahan Shiraz Bushire is being affected by Iranian govt July 1st; plane to be used is of 3 passenger capacity belonging to Tehran Aeroclub. As of June 21st total grain collections 363,400 tons; present stocks 110,617 tons; estimated surplus over difference between remaining collections and needs plus 1 month over 44,958 tons; Tehran stocks grain and flour as of June 17th 35,452 tons.

Note: Delay due to service.

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From: U. S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.

To: War Department 233
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 859.

23 June 1944

Number MILID 233 ANSM 859.

Crossed Bosporus on night 20-21 June the 23rd Turk Division and has since moved across head of Golden Horn toward Thrace. British now conclue that it is 23rd Division previously they thought moving division was 19th and not 23rd. Armour watched crossing and westward march says men horses and equipment looked in very good condition.

Regiment of this division spotted at Eskipazar on 21 May marching westward. Thus has done 225 miles in 30 days.

Now accepted 5th and 6th and 23d Divisions have gone to Thrace, 77th has gone from Yalova towards Anelles region and 25th from Usak to Burna-Bandirma region. All armoured units now to Thrace have gone or are enroute.

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To: War Department
CO, USAF in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

Nr: 224  17 June 1944

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Much more cooperation from Turks may be expected as a result of resignation of Menemenoglu as Foreign Minister. Both president and cabinet disagreed with minister over his foreign policy. Premier saw our Ambassador following announcement and promised policy favoring allies. There is no indication British will renew pressure on Turks to enter war but if they should it is likely Turks would be in more receptive and cooperative frame of mind than formerly. Likewise allowing use of air bases has not been mentioned but in many lesser ways Turkey can be expected to discriminate in favor of US and against Germany. Commercial agreement will likely be even more favorable than anticipated hitherto according our Ambassador. Turks may even cut off all exports of strategic material to Germany. During recent months has been policy of British to undermine power of Menemenoglu because he was considered too neutral and insufficiently friendly to Allies. Sought to force rift between Menemenoglu and president. Decision of letter on chrome against views of foreign minister was important step in this direction. When British Ambassador went to...

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Nr: 224 17 June 1944

President over head of foreign minister on question of German boats passing straits, he let it be known there was grave dissatisfaction with Turk foreign policy in general. Turks became perturbed. Majority of cabinet announced as having objected to policy which seemed to be isolating Turkey but it was influence of president which was decisive. Director of press bureau admitted that disagreement between president and Menemencoglu over foreign policy was basic cause of resignation but would not let correspondents say so. Quite possible that influence of Rauforbac played big part.

As announced in communiqué given press Turks immediately reversed stand on boats passing straits, new decision favoring Allies. Our Ambassador considers blunt statement in communiqué that recent policy of foreign minister was contrary to views of cabinet to be astounding and significantly hopeful from our viewpoint.

Some Turks surprised and angered, not so much at cabinet change itself, but because it closely followed speech of Eden and might be considered result thereof. Eden speech had angered most Turks. Considerable dislike of appearing to yield to foreign pressure. This so marked usually that
From: US Military Attache, Ankara

Date: 17 June 1944

several excellent observers refused believe first reports of resignation.

Russian Military Attache mildly pleased at ousting of Monemvascoglu who he considered pro-German but skeptical of any great improvement in attitude of successor.

Wide variation in speculation concerning next foreign minister. Turk foreign office official insisted matter had developed so suddenly government had not had time to properly consider.

End

ACTION: G-2

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From: U.S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

CU, U.S. Army Forces in Middle East,
Cairo, Egypt

15 June 1944

Msg nr to MILID 221 to ANSHE 347

Despite all sacrifices world will not be better off after war than it was before and lasting peace based on international collaboration is likely to materialise according article by Sadak often reflecting views of Turk Foreign Office. Disclaims any doubt as to Allies being sincerely attached to ideal of better world order based on freedom and independence of nations. However, says war is not being waged merely for that.

War policy literature is far from reflecting real reasons which prompted war he says discussing high sounding words of Allied leaders. National causes all walk clad in garb of international ideals. Actually nations took up arms in this war to protect own vital interests and defend countries against aggression. For long time to come will be unable to view future of world optimistically.

Although Turkey wishes help in building of new Europe and long ago chose her side, strength of Turkey is not sufficient to warrant her participation in conflict. Foremost duty is to try to keep Turkey of today, if not a better Turkey, on her feet in the not so good world of tomorrow.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, Col Park
CM-IN-12584 (16 Jun 44) 03172

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OSD letter, May 1, 1973
By JS, NARA Date FEB 20 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/9/94
FROM: CG US Military Attache, Ankara

TO: War Department
    CG US Army Forces in the Middle East,
    Cairo, Egypt

NO: 191452Z

15 June 1944

Dissatisfaction over Turk answer on question of
small craft passing straits, which was to propose arbitra-
tion, registered in British circles here. Answer of London
waited.

Turk Foreign Minister resigned today. Saracoğlu
will be Foreign Minister. Differences with president over
foreign policy was cause.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: ODD

Col Park

CG-IN-12542 (15 Jun 44) 2112E bjm

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara
To: War Department
CC, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

No: 214
Date: 10 June 1944

Subject: MILID 214 ANSMR 839, PEWDI.

British Ambassador pointed out to Turk President that at considerable cost to British forces had nearly wiped out small German craft and supply vessels in Aegean seriously threatening German garrisons in islands but as result of Turk complaisance and sticking to technicalities everything had to be done over again.

President replied that barge matter presented technicalities under Montreux Convention and nothing decisive was promised immediately however probable that barge question will be solved satisfactorily to US. New vessel attempting passage being held up. Our Ambassador has impression that we will get some advantage as result of interview but that no revolutionary change in Anglo Turk relations is to be expected in near future.

CM-IN-8507 (11 Jun 44)
WAR DEPARTMENT
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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara
Nr: 214 10 June 1944

British MA feels that it is too late for entry of Turkey into war to be very useful hence unless attack on France fails does not expect any further allied pressure on Turkey to enter war. Considers quite possible Turkey might want to get into war later for own purposes but feels this would be of no value to US.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD Vol Park Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94

COPY NO.
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
No: 207

8 June 1944

TOP SECRET to MILID Mag Srl No 207.

Whole question of Anglo Turk relations likely be up tonight when British Ambassador sees Turk President. Is going overhead of Turk Foreign Minister regarding barges passing Straits and interview probably will lead to general discussion which probably is real aim. Seeing President thus is quite unusual. Possibly Turkey will be given what seems about her last chance to do something.

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ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFO: OPD

CM-IN-7704 (10 Jun 44) 03042 mcs

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From: U.S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CC: US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo Egypt
8 June 1944

Number MILID 209 AMER 835

Although nothing signed, agreement in principle has been reached with Turks that they cut off 50 percent of exports of strategic materials to Axis. More over we have option of cutting off other 50 percent when we can replace materials Turks get from Axis in exchange. Formal signing and announcement likely be delayed by other considerations. However Turks are already actually putting this into effect. Possibility Turks may concede even more later.

End

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INFO: OGAAP
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Col. Park
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CM-IN-6903 (9 Jun 44) 0806Z

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara
To: War Department
      CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
Nr: 202 7 June 1944

Copy No.

Voluminous comment in Turkish press on subject of
post war organization raised by Secretary Hull remarks near-
ly all being built up on expressed fear that three great
powers will dominate world dictatorially over smaller nations.
Istanbul Tan says "Lasting world peace can be secured only
by full and free collaboration of all nations large and
small". Several writers continue to bewail lack of agree-
ment now between great powers, Yalcin in Istanbul Tanin
writing "The point most preoccupying the mind is lack of
confidence noticeable among the great powers as regards the
future". Same writer in another article asks "How far is
America prepared to go in order to give concrete form to the
splendid principles announced?" Sedak in Istanbul Aksam ex-
presses wonder whether plan to start such discussions now
can succeed in view wide differences for example between
British and Soviets over attitude toward Spain.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CO AAF
CPL. Park

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
From: Col US Army Forces in Teheran, Iran

To: War Department
Joint Telcoll Agency Middle East, Cairo

Ref: M 32188 4 June 1944

For MI5 and TJANE number M 32188 from Baker.

Parliament deputies having tribal connections held meetings this week with Prime Minister and Chief of Staff to set up tribal council for working out and administering Government tribal policy. Mellispeugh in Shiraz for few days, press continues agitation that his power be curtailed. Contents of US State Department letter to Iran Government regarding Mellispeugh mission known to Parliament but not to public hence considerable speculation and some disquietment against alleged interference with Iranian internal affairs. Grain collection data not available.

BOM Cairo-Teheran air route no longer stops at Iydda and Rabbaniya but Landa instead at Damascus and Baghdad respectively. In addition to air service to Tigris and Bashihs, Russians have established one to Pahlavi also; previous information that British and American passengers would not be carried was erroneous; however, the usual restrictions as to entering Russian occupied zone continue to apply. According to Hossain Qasmi who is still here Khoero is now in Semiram for a few days conferring with Hasev who has recently arrived there with the tribes.

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By JS, NARS Dec. 28, 1973

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PRIORITY

From: U. S. Military Observer, Baghdad, Iraq
To: War Department
   CG, U.S. Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
Nr: B 507 4 June 1944
Converse to Bissell and JICANS Cairo B 507

New cabinet finally chosen and inducted into

today. Nuri asked yesterday to form cabinet after unsuccess-
ful efforts by Pachichi to refer our number B505 dated June
2nd.

Nuri advised he would accept only on condition Tahamin-
Ali be eliminated. Regenna ejected this condition. Cabinet
finally chosen as follows:

1- Prime Minister Iskand Djal Pachichi, Sunni;
2- Deputy Prime Minister Minister Foreign Affairs,
   Acting Minister Supply and Acting Mayor Baghdad is Arshad-
   Al-Qarni, Sunni hitherto Lord Mayor Baghdad;
3- Interior is Mustapha-Al-Zari, Sunni;
4- Finance is Salih-Jabr, Shia;
5- Justice is Ahmed-Muchar-Babun, Kurd who also
   held same position in last government;
6- Defense is Tahsai Ali, Sunni hitherto Chief of
   Royal Divan;
7- Education is Ibrahim-Ask-Al-Musi, Sunni;
8- Social Affairs is Mohammed Husan Rubba, Shia who
   also held same position in last Government;
9- Public Works and Supply Abdul-Azik-Al-Uzri, Shia;
10- Economics is Tawfik-Wanib, Kurd.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By JS
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/17/94
From: U. S. Military Observer, Baghdad, Iraq

Nr: B 507 4 June 1944

Numbers 4, 8, and 9 are completely hostile to 2, 3 and 7. Kurdish representation reduced by 1. Number 6 is favorite of Regent but disliked and distrusted by all others. Failure to include Majid-Mustapha expected seriously to displease Kurds.

On face this Cabinet appears very unsatisfactory and presumably cannot survive long or accomplish anything constructive.

End

Note: B 505 is CM-IN-1643 (2 Jun 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGAAP

Col. Park

CM-IN-3610 (5 Jun 44) 0634E

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.
To: War Department
Nr: 195

3 June 1944

Number MILID 195 ANSKE 822.

Flat denial of press story that 7 Bulgarian Officers crossed into Turkey made by number 2 man in Turkish Foreign Office. Says when press yarns started, Turks ordered inquiry and there is no truth in accounts. Also said accounts of Germans sending 5 divisions into Bulgaria were untrue, that Germans have only equivalent of about two divisions in Bulgaria.

Bulgarian rumor for Friday is that two Bulgarian Generals with about 14000 men took to Rhodope Mountains after recent government change. Names given as Dmitri Pen and Kospa Benchev whom we can not indentify.

Negotiations with Turks on exports of strategic materials to Germany continue and may last another week.

End.

ACTION: C-2

INFO : CO AAF OPD

CN-IN-2418 (4 Jun 44) 0019Z

By JS, MARB Dec

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GSD letter, May 3, 1972

By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
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PRIORITY

From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
   CG. US Army Forces in Middle East
   Cairo, Egypt

Nr: 2 27 May 1944

Number MILID 183 AMSME 809

Considerable reduction in exports to Germany of strategic materials is being made by Turks of own accord prior to conclusion of negotiations with Americans and British according our Ambassador. Final agreement has not been reached, as might be erroneously inferred from wording of our 182 to MILID and 808 to Cairo, but Turks have indicated willingness to make concessions and are coming closer to our view on percentages according Ambassador. He feels negotiations are going agreeably and says gap between rival positions has been appreciably narrowed in last few days. Transmittal of data to Washington and London and getting replies will cause negotiations to last few more days.

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182 is CM-IN-20014 (25 May 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
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CM-IN-20808 (27 May 44) 18182 vh

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

25 May 1944

number MIDME 177 ANKARA 805

Separate from but concealed behind insignificant
Panterician movement which they utilized as screen were
some old Turk generals and officers who are believed to
have been aiming at complete change of regime in Turkey
according source 42. Investigation in progress but Turk
Government still not sure as to extent movement. Some of
concealed leaders are still at liberty but former General
Ali Ismail Sabis who has been arrested while mailing anonymous
letters is believed to be involved also General Yardum
military critic who still free. These are Pro German and
somewhat discredited. Foreign Minister questioned empha-
sically denied Von Papen was implicated. However, President
in recent speech indicated Germans had been mixing in Turk
internal affairs.

Flotter reported as having formed organization to
cause trouble at critical future moment but not believed
action in near future was intended. Leaders were generals
who had lost favor with Ataturk. Any movement headed by
Ali Ismail Sabis would lack popularity appeal. Existence of

CM-IN-19645 (26 May 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/19/94

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

No: 6177 6805
number MILID 177 ANKME 805

A concealed group screened by Pankurian agitators of little importance would help explain continued preoccupation of government with Turans. Likewise continued publicity over Turanian affair may be anxiety of Turks to appease Russians and prove to them Turkey will deal vigorously with rightists as well as leftists also affair serves as red herring to divert popular mind from criticism of present regime and make Ministers appear as saviours of country from foreign intrigue.

In any case these movements have no power to upset regime which is firmly established. Affair worried government but should be classed rather as flurry.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
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FROM: CS, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

TO: War Department
Joint Intelligence Collective Agency, Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

SUBJ: R 32152 24 May 1944

For MI5 and JICAME from B number R32152.

Total grain collections in Iran as of May 21st, 316,676 tons, present stocks on hand 119,850 tons, estimated required until next harvest plus 1 month carryover 92,290 tons, estimated future collections 13,011 tons. Stock on hand in Tehran May 19th 31,510 tons grain and flour.

New subject: Soviets have proposed Maximov at present Charge D'Affaires to be new Russian ambassador here and Iranian authorities have agreed.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD, Col Park

CM-IN-18422 (24 May 44) 2156Z

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By JS, NARA Date FEB 8 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

COPY NO. 28
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
OS, US Forces in the Middle East, Mr. 200

Cairo, Egypt

25 May 1944
Number MILID 159 AINR 800

Returning from 10 day trip to Istanbul, I hear that some fairly lurid press stories have been sent out about martial law in Istanbul, riots in Ankara and the like tending to give impression Turkey is on verge of insurrection. On contrary all is calm and peaceful. Istanbul has been under martial law for years and sudden demonstration of school children seems to have been misunderstood for another kind of demonstration. There has been no riot in Ankara except frame of May 3rd. Press correspondents flocked to Turkey expecting fireworks over German answer to Turkey on arms and then that proved tame got a bit excited over other things including arrest of 4 Pan-Slavonic agitators.

There is considerable dissatisfaction in Turkey but any changes will be made by constitutional means by Peoples Party. No chance of government being overthrown and even cabinet changes not considered imminent.

By way of movement over which government has evinced anger is insignificant. President denounced it in recent speech and inferred foreign nation presumably Germany was backing it. If this is so it is not on big scale and

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

Re: 169 & 800

23 May 1944

strong possibility exists government is using whole affair as red herring to distract public opinion which is dissatisfied over internal affairs. Ambassador and I concur that government has made much more fuss over matter than it seems to warrant.

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OSS letter, May 3, 1944
by JS, 20 FEB 1973

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From: CO, Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, Iran
To: War Department
HR: M 32175, 16th May 1944

For MIS and JICAME number M32175 from Baker.

Opposition to Doctor Millsapagh continues and has notably increased recently particularly in the Majlis; agitation ranges from shearing him of powers over economic life of the country as distinct from financial adviser to outright removal and replacement. As informed by General Hedayat Deputy War Minister that Iranian Government has definitely declined proposed gift of Russian tanks and planes because of conditions attached. Erstwhile Deputy Nobakht long a refugee from apprehension by British authorities here for alleged implication in Franz Mayer case has been recently turned over to British by Naser Khan Qashqai and brought to Sultanabad for interrogation.

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INFORMATION: OPD

MW-IN-12182 (16 May 44) 2345E bjm

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/96
BRITISH NA REPORTS LTS HOWARD REED AND HARRY KALLSHAI
ATTACHED JICAME NAV WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING UNDER BRITISH
IN AEEGAN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES
AND ARE HELD IN JAIL AT MILAS FOR REMOVING EQUIPMENT
FROM GERMAN PLANE STRANDED IN TURKISH WATERS,
AMBASSADOR AND JICAME BEING NOTIFIED. I QUESTION
ADVISABILITY USING AMERICAN PERSONNEL FOR SUCH
SERVICES IN TURKISH WATERS WHERE WE HAVE NO ALLIANCE
SUCH AS BRITISH HAVE

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COMINCH...13...240P...240G...CNO...NAVAIDE...
Government now acting to repress small Pansurian element which took advantage of unrest and public dissatisfaction to stage small riot in Ankara May 3rd. Some government employees have been fired. Pansurian editor who was sued for libel by professor he called a Communist was sentenced to 4 months in jail and small fine.

Pansurian movement rather insignificant and previously was ignored by government. It has some similarity to Nazi movement as it advocates greater Turkey based on racism. Is considered contrary to ideas of Ataturk. Government angered by evidence a few agitators engineered manifestation as well as alarmed at state public opinion which permitted such action and is beginning to take firm action.

Press comment assails crank racial Pansurian ideas. Vatan says Nazism now at last gasp as event of democratic victory worst possible time for Nazi spirit here. Condemns Nazism and "All varieties of cosmopolitan" notions from outside, latter obvious slap at Communism. Tasviri Ekar wants quiet and stability and says danger now is even academic consideration of leftist or rightist ideas. Son Telegraph and Yeni Sabah agree Turkish youth faithful to Ataturk's ideas. Son Telegraph adds youth not racist, leftist nor rightist. Hopes eradication agitators and defeatist or negative ideas. Tanin actually says thought free.

CM-IN-8313 (11 May 44)
From: US Military Attache in Ankara Turkey
No: 160 11 May 1944

In Turkey hence not surprising unconventional ideas exist. Socialism natural in young but tyranny of fascism another matter. Turk youth must follow constitution. Vakit however says constitution must not become tool of agitators. Ulus says racism in worst disaster could overtake Turkey. Being alien racist law meant to split Turkey's people.

Press law changes now being considered by Justice Ministry may be expedited by this case.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD
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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
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CM-IN-8313 (11 May 44) 20532 mlo

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara Turkey
To: War Department
CC, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt
Nr. 10 May, 1944
Number MILID 159 ANSME 780.

Marked increase of British troops in near east noted by Germans here who inclined expect landings in Greece or Balkans before many weeks according C3 source.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
    CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
    Cairo, Egypt

5th May, 1944

Number MILID 152 AMEN 770.

Chief of Police was beaten up in riot Wednesday. Was forced to kneel and cheer for editor who was being sued. Students shouted insults about Prime Minister. Considerable sympathy expressed privately for demonstrators.

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-Col. Park

CM-IN-3664 (5 May 44) 1721Z 1s

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94.
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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No. N 23185, 4 May 1944

WDQBI cite MEQBI signed Giles N 23185.

Mutinous Greek mechanized (Armored car) Regt surrendered 1015 hours 4 May, and further trouble regarded unlikely. No force necessary to obtain surrender. Only Greek Unit considered likely to cause further trouble is 7th Greek Battalion near Saida, Lebanon.

This was used in ensuing news

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CCS
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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By JS, DADupo

CM-IN-2869 (4 May 44) 17132 mcs

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From: U.S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
4 May, 1944

Number MILID 151 ANSME 769.

Gowness toward Turks will last until matter of other Turkish exports to Germany is satisfactorily adjusted British Ambassador said May 3.

Turks disappointed at lack of cheers over chrome decision. British Ambassador confirms report that chrome decision was imposed by President on Foreign Minister.

Goods for Germany from Turkey flowing steadily now. Suspension of traffic lasted only few days.

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E.O. 11852, Sec. (3) and (5) or (8)
SST letter, May 3, 1972
By JS, NASG Date: FEB. 20 1973

ACTION: 0-2
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44

COPY NO. 28
From: U.S. Military Attaché Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department

04, May 1944

Small anti communist manifestation in Ankara May 3, broken up by police who fired in air. No casualties. Demonstrators mostly students. At critical moment they sang national anthem so every one stood at attention.

Demonstration came when trial started in Ankara of ultra nationalist editor of paper Orhan who is being sued for libel by men he accused of being communist. Trial of same editor in Istanbul was recently interrupted by same element. Editor had published open letter to Prime Minister denouncing action against communists among teachers. Editor was former professor and is being supported by students. Doubtful rumors suggest money stimulates their ardor.

After expressing selves before court, youths moved to Prime Ministry and stormed it, which was when police intervened.

Some communist activity exists but opposition to government on other grounds is believed confused with this to considerable extent. However, about 20 persons still

CM-IN-3082 (4 May 44)
From: U.S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

Re: 247

04, May 1944

Imprisoned Ankara on charges communist activity. Three recently acquitted after court martial lasting month. Unconfirmed rumors are that two or three communist agitators have been shot.

Considerable dissatisfaction with government continues. This principally over economic matters and public corruption. Mail boxes have been taken down and anyone wishing mail letter, must take it to post office under eyes of police hand it to man who notes address. Reason is so many insulting anonymous letters have been addressed to President and Prime Minister recently.

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Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-2969 (4 May 44) G-2

ACTION: G 2

INFO: OPD
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CM-IN-3082 (4 May 44) 2305Z

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/64
INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

FROM: U S Military Attaché Ankara Turkey

To: War Department

CG U S Army Forces in the Middle East

Cairo, Egypt.

No: 133

No: 752

27 April 1944

NMLID number 133 ANSMID 752.

Quitted Ankara Wednesday with Berlin reported destination Von Papen. Presumably will report on chrome and Turk situation generally.

Change Subject: Local British deny press and radio statements British Mission is returning Turkey for further military conferences re Turkey entering war. Understand British Ambassador sent strong protest about allowing publicity which likely to boomerang since incorrect or at least premature.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: OPD

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CM-IN-20596 (28 Apr 44) 02332 mcs

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4

NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44

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INFORM YOUR CONTACTS WE VERY APPRECIATIVE THEIR OFFERS. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED PROCEED ALONG LINES INDICATED YOUR 241710. WILL FORWARD LIST INFORMATION DESIRED BY AIR MAIL. DO NOT CONSIDER RADIO TRANSMITTER PLAN YOUR 251415 PRACTICABLE UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS BUT HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO YOUR MAKING PROPOSAL TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND OBTAINING THEIR REACTION.
FROM: U.S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

TO: War Department
    CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
    Cairo, Egypt

24 April 1944

Number MILID 126 AMSME 744.

Although Germans are furious over Turkish chrome decision indications are any reaction will be confined to economic field. They still need certain Turkish products and are expected to play cautiously at least until Turks shut off more supplies.

Chrome action was huge surprise to Germans who had expected 50 percent cut only. Understood that this actually was first tentative Turk decision.

Russian MA does not consider chrome affair means Turks will take any further step toward war also predicts Germans will make best of bad shock and will not take effective trade reprisals at present. Turks are impressed by insistence of Foreign Minister in chrome talk on Turkey not being neutral country.

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INFO: CGAAF, CPD, Col Park, Log

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From: CG U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Wn: M 22673

24 April 1944

No. 196 for Bissell from Thornton signed Giles Mag Nbr M 22673, expedite copy to ONI

Night of 23rd King Farouk notified British he accepted War Cabinet decision because of impending second front.

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     NAVY (ONI)
     Colonel Park Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr. N 22577 22 April, 1944

JICame number 193 for Bissell WDGBI expedite CO GNI from Thornton NSJIC signed Giles N 22577.

Fresh reliable evidence corrects report that British allowed Palace freedom on April 18th. Cable from London stated Mahaas dismissal was being considered by War Cabinet but British considered they had right to intervene because British Army had defended Egypt. British would therefore suppress open conflict in Palaces-Mahuas friction. April 21st War Cabinet decision handed to King not to sanction dismissal of Mahaas because he had confidence of the majority in legislature and elections would be authorized only under Mahaas Government. King urged to give note serious consideration or bear consequences.

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Colonel Park
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OSD letter, May 5, 1973
By JS, NAVY Date FEB 20 1973

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From: US Military Attaché Beyoglu, Turkey
To: War Department
No: 35084, 21st April 1944.

To MILID. Mag No 35084 from Tindall.

Action of Turks in cutting off chrome shipments to Germany will result in great improvement in relations between Allies and Turks and might even lead to reconsideration by Turkey of her stand regarding entry into war. Announcement from Turks indicates they now have Germany's 100,000 tons of rubber for which Germans have already paid in VEF 2,000,000. Our Ambassador points out that this is stronger than any economic action we have taken against Japan prior to Pearl Harbor.

Rapidity of Turk action is surprising and is believed largely due to fear lost railway by cut will aid Allies. War time speeds too late. Present inability of Balkan railroads to handle shipments also contributed. Previously Foreign Minister has only indicated he would cut shipments in half. Action conclusively shows Turks no longer have much fear of Germany. This highly significant and could have military consequences. German attitude not known yet.

Many Turk generals called to Ankara for big military conference. Unknown whether connected with change in political attitude.

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From: US Military Attaché Ankara, Turkey

Negotiations on restricting other supplies for Germany will start in few days and Ambassador Steinhardt still considers bombing obviously aimed at interruption of railway from Turkey to Germany would strengthen our position.

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INFO: CG AAF
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Colonel Park
LOG

CM-IN-16217 (22 Apr 44) 1356Z med

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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: 585, 21st April 1944.

From Drogge signed Giles number 585.

British Ambassador received reply from London and called on King at 17 hours today, was with King Farouk 15 minutes and then spent hour with Hassanin Pasha, Director of Royal Cabinet. Reply was unfavorable to palace and stated British War Cabinet considered no change necessary but might consider it if King Farouk would agree with Nahas to have an election, but Nahas to remain until election was held and then vote of confidence could be held. No reply from palace as yet but under consideration by King. Situation still quiet.

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From: US Military Attaché, Beyoglu, Turkey
To: War Department
No. 36082, 20 April 1944

Mag No 36082 from Tindall.

Detailed negotiations between Allies and Turks on shipment of chrome and other supplies from Turkey to Germany will start in a few days. It would immensely strengthen our position according our Ambassador if Allied air raids were made promptly against railroad between Turkey and Sofia. Even if ineffective initially, if obviously directed against communications Turk Foreign Minister bound to take this into account. Desirable that some interruption be effected on Bulgar territory preferably close to Turk frontier for moral effect.

Turk Foreign Minister has intimated according our Ambassador that he is inclined accede in big way to our request on shipments if he can do so and have face. Obviously he would like to get under gun and get credit for helping us before expedition of supplies becomes physically impracticable.

Ambassador Steinhardt requests this bombing be expedited, even if only by few planes. Repeated attacks against sensitive points desirable.
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PRIORIY

From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Mr: 584 20th April, 1943

Present situation in Egypt unchanged. Report Mabas will seek vote of confidence Chamber of Deputies meeting tonight, which will undoubtedly receive but which actually will mean nothing as he completely controls Chamber. Little evidence of compromise from palace.

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INFO: CG AAF
      OPD
      Colonel Park

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By JS, NAID Date: FEB 20 1973

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ASSUMPTION OF SEVERAL ROYAL PREROGATIVES BY NAHAS DURING UPPER EGYPT TOUR PRECIPITATED CRISIS IN FEUD WITH PALACE.

REPLY TO YOUR RADIO NUMBER 22289 NUMBER 185. EXCESSES IN NEPOTISM AND NEGLIGEMIA HAVE WEEKENED BRITISH SUPPORT OF NAHAS. KINGS CLEVER CAMPAIGN TO BECOME POPULAR LEADER HAS SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS. THIS PLUS INCREASING INFLATION AND EVIDENCE OF GRAFT ON PART OF NAHAS HAS SWUNG BALANCE OF SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF KING. TIMING OF EXPECTED FALL OF GOVERNMENT OBSCURE TODAY. WHEN NEW CABINET FORMED MAY INCLUDE TAAAF ALG PASHA COMMUNICATIONS MOHAMMED HEIDAR PASHA NATIONAL DEFENSE YUSEF XULFIKAR PASHA JUSTICE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HASSAN RIFAT PASHA INTERIOR DR SOLEIMAN AMLAY PASHA PUBLIC HEALTH ABDUL FATTAH AMR PASHA SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

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PRIORITY

From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department.
No. 582  19 April 1944.

Number 582 from Gregge signed Giles.

Now advised letter of dismissal not sent Nahas Pasha AC 13 hours Tuesday. Note was to go at that time but Hassanin Pasha called on British Ambassador to advise him of action and Killearn requested hold note until he saw King and requested 2 or 3 day delay. Other information all accurate from direct palace source. Situation remains unchanged at this time. Nahas Pasha returned to Cairo from Alexandria Tuesday evening and has been in conference with cabinet ever since. Still no evidence of civilian unrest and palace definitely opposed to violence but prepared to resist if British attempt repetition 4 February 1942 episode.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No. 580, 18 April 1944

Message number 580 from Dregge signed Giles.

Egyptian crisis remains same no change as yet.
King Farouk sent note to Nahas Pasha Prime Minister at
13 hours today and at 1335 hours British Ambassador called
on King stating no word from London yet and requested fur-
ther delay in final decision of two or three days. Palace
has offered to cooperate with British but insist present
corrupt government must go. No definite indication as to
Palaces selection for Prime Minister but Sidky Pasha, former
Prime Minister strong man; Hassanein Pasha, Director
of Royal Cabinet, and even Nahas Pasha with new cabinet
are possibilities. No indications of violence as yet al-
though Palace fully prepared for it. Palace is fearful
that WAFDS may precipitate trouble so that British may use
force to stop crisis. King has constitutional right to
dismiss Prime Minister and cabinet at present time, although
Palace fearful Nahas may attempt to change constitution.
Nahas returning to Cairo from Alexandria and conferring with
British Ambassador tonight or Wednesday morning. Possibility
of decision tomorrow.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log
CM-IN-13231 (18 Apr 44) 20132 bjm

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No: 186  18 April 1944

JICAME number 186 for Bissell WDQHI expedite ONI from Thornton MEJIC signed Giles.

Reliable source A-3 reports British withdrew support today from Nahas allowing his resignation and giving King free hand. Hassaneinapasha conducting conversations view forming neutral government. Announcement expected tomorrow. General public seemingly unaware of crisis is expected to react calmly. Further details and confirmation later. Have conferred milattache.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Log
CM-IN-13304 (18 Apr 44) 2207Z

3:00 N. East
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CC US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

17 April 1944
Number MILID 110 ANSME 727.

Brother of Turk Foreign Minister indicated Americans and British would get their way over chrome matter if they did not act too brusquely. Implied Turks merely wished save face and would meet us more than half way however said shutting off entire chrome supply all at once was impracticable.

Turks believed worried now over recent isolation and appear in placating mood. However complete agreement with Allied note not expected. One possible cut for Turks is to delay until other events in Balkans provide solution. Some Allied circles in Ankara expect Turks will agree to Allied requests about time shipments become impossible.

Von Papen according Italian source C 3 says Turk reply will be along following lines:

In past all commercial accords between Turkey and Germany had preventive agreement of British. Turkey accedes to Allied requests providing Allies furnish all material Turkey needs which she has been getting from Germany

CM-IN-12732 (18 Apr 44)
From: US Military Attaché Ankara Turkey
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
17 April 1944

hitherto. Catch according Von Papen is that only Germany can give her some of this material.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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CM-IN-12732 (18 Apr 44) 0243Z bjm
From: US Military Attache, Ankara
To: War Department

103
C2 US Army Forces in the Middle East, 717
Cairo, Egypt
15 April 1944

Number MILID 103, ANNAME 717.

Pressure on Turkey to stop supplies to Germany unlikely to bring immediately decisive results. After short delay Turkey likely to present conciliatory but temporizing reply to Allied demands. Tone of statement of Turk Foreign Minister to correspondents and Turk press comments on Hell speech indicate Turks are disposed to make some concessions. However they probably will seek to bargain. Moreover Turks say Germans have fulfilled their part of Chrome agreement and how to stop Chrome shipments is difficult problem.

Action indicated in Hell speech with regard Turkey was taken Friday when American and British Ambassadors presented note to Turk Foreign Minister and urgently insisted on virtual cessation of Turkish shipments to Germany particularly chrome. Turk Minister promised reply in about 1 week. Likely that chrome and other key commodities will be treated separately. Because of nature agreements it will be harder for Turks to stop shipment of chrome than other supplies.

Tone taken by Allies regarded as strong. Demands reported to have made clear that unless Turkey made radical reduction in chrome shipments she would be treated as neutral.

CM-IN-11832 (16 Apr 44)
Implication is that steps would be taken to prevent supplies reaching Turkey. Our Ambassador said that after discussing ways shipments could be reduced he told Foreign Minister that in past we had treated Turks as Allies while they had acted like neutrals but that now they would be treated as neutrals until they acted more like Allies. However Ambassador did not consider demands as resembling ultimatum. Turk Minister likewise stressed.

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From: U S Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey  
To: War Department  
CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East  
Cairo, Egypt  

35 April 1944  

MILID number 104 Amnus 719  

Shipments to Axis from Turkey reported suspended temporarily because Turk railroad told shipments could not be accepted in Balkans. Presumed cause is congestion of railways in Balkans particularly Rumania.  

Turks say they still have nothing indicating movement strong German reinforcements to Rumania. Heavy material being evacuated from Athens region according British 04 source.

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From: US Military Attache Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
No: 88 6 April, 1944

Because primarily of heavy chrome shipments to Germany, Russian Air Attache says he has sent strong recommendation to Moscow that Turks be told to quit sending material of any description to Germany. British Commercial Counselor says British hands tied on chrome because they concurred in agreement but expressed wish America and Russia would do something to stop or reduce shipments.

Reported Germans about build special station in Istanbul principally for dispatch chrome also are to furnish more rail cars to further step up chrome shipments.

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INFO: OBD
Col Park

CM-IN-4661 (7 Apr 44) 10172 jb
INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: CO U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No: N 21605, 3 April 1944

JICAME number 171 for Bissell WD61 from Thorton
MJIC signed Giles Number N 21605.

As of today Palestine situation appears to be under
control. A secondary development of some significance is that
Arab Press has begun to blame terrorism and acquisition of
arms on Jewish community as a whole. Jewish Press in turn
attacks Palestine government for permitting such alleged
inflammatory campaign by Arabs. Details going forward by
pouch.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/17/94
From: U.S. Military Attache Beirut
To: War Department
Nr: 62170 29 March 1944

62170 from Wright.

Terrorist attacks in Palestine now represent union of stern group plus rebel elements from Revisionists plus commando trained volunteers from illegal Palmach totaling about 2,000 persons.

British have moved one mobile regiment each to environs of three cities which assist in curfew control. About 25 suspects arrested Jerusalem including two criminal investigation department employees who supposedly assisted in inside job. Further attacks expected early April. Terrorists have tons of gelignite stolen from naval stores Haifa. Indications are that Jewish community may decide to cooperate with police inasmuch as accumulating evidence shows assassination of high commissioner is planned.

General security well in hand but sniping or ambush incidents may occur.

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INFO: OPD
Col. Park
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CM-IN-21064 (29 Mar 44) 2058Z Jb

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URGENT

From: CG U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No: N 21110

JICAMS number 163 for Bissell WDGBI from Thornton
HEJIC signed Giles mag nbr N 21110.

During night of 23-24 March in Palestine stern gang
operated in force in widespread bomb outrages directed against
Palestine police. First reports from Major Wright give
following details: Jerusalem one end of Police Headquarters
destroyed, 1 senior officer killed; Tel Aviv Headquarters
bombard, of police officers 1 killed 2 wounded; Haifa Head-
quartezes largely damaged with casualties which have not yet
been precisely reported. British authorities Jerusalem are
considering reinforcing police with troops but no decision
taken yet. There is some reason for belief that the out-
break of last night is the only violent demonstration
intended by extremists for the present.

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INFO: CG AAF
OPD Colonel Mathewson

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Number N21147, 24 March 1944

JICAGM number 166 for Bissell WDHB from Thornton
MEJIC signed Giles message number N21147.

Casualties among British forces by outbreak of
23-24 March now stand at 7 killed and 7 wounded, some
of whom may die. Wright understands curfew will be
imposed tonight on Palestine centers from seventeen
hours possibly for purpose of facilitating police
counter activity.

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WDCMC invites attention to CM-IN-17126 (24 Mar 44)G-2

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Crisis of war will arrive about June when decisive battles will be fought according Turk Deputy Chief Staff Salihomet. Followed usual Turk line on general situation. Told me Germans had trained large reserves in interior long and intensively these to be used only in spring or summer. Had reports indicating possibility Russians after reaching desired line would cease offensive and leave brunt of war to be borne by Anglo Saxons. Evaded estimating credibility such reports.

Expressed admiration for recent Russian operations. Said food situation in Russia while not brilliant would not prevent Russians continuing to fight for long time. Another Turk source C3 says Raufor Bay is not anxious to return England and has been expressing anti British sentiments. Formerly extremely pro British.

Friendly expressions re Russia have coincided with Turk British coolness. Possibly genuine but effect on British may be principal aim of Turks used to playing one nation against another and may feel they are so important to British latter would make considerable concessions rather than "Drive them into arms Russia."

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA. Date 4/19/94
From: MA Ankara
To: MILID Cairo
19 Feb 1944
From Tindall Ankara.

Press attacks on British stopped suddenly Thursday by order Turk Press Bureau and Government spokesman in semi-official Ulus Friday wrote article favorable to British.

Turks noticed that Lend Lease shipments have ceased arriving Turkey (this is result British delaying action taken in Middle East) and may have thought they were going too far.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/84
Recent attitude of Russia toward Turkey according Russian Air Attache follows.

"Make up your minds quickly whether you are coming in war. You may not be wanted six months from now. You say you want voice in post war settlement but are not quite ready for war yet. Those people will have hand in post war settlement who emerge from war among victor nations".

Favors cutting off Lend Lease to Turkey. Said Turks sent large portion Lend Lease war material to their Eastern Front mostly Kars and Erzurum.

For sometime Russians have disliked sending of Lend Lease war material to Turkey feeling much of it in Turkish minds was for eventual use against Russia.

Russian Embassy Counsellor said Turk entry already too late to be of much value. Time was last September when entry really would have been advantageous.

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From: MA Ankara.
To: MILID Cairo

19 Feb. 1944.

From Tindall.

Reaction of Turks against British slightingly involved Americans too. Difficulties put in way several American projects including minor obstructions to development Adana Air Terminal facilities. Ambassador read list of obstructions to Turk Foreign Office today who promised some satisfaction.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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From: Ankara Turkey
To: MILID
Nr: 971 16 February 1943.
Sgd Tindall

Idea of plant, rear 557, is not concurred in. British security and our own people who assisted are certain desertions are genuine moreover sound basis of plant seems lacking although I do not know what Vermehren may have told British after leaving Turkey.

Vermehren was paymaster for German agents and has turned over considerable bonafide information of great local importance. His action upsets German Intelligence setup here. Neither he nor others believed to have any information of political or military importance.

German Embassy putting pressure on Turks in effort to have turned over to them two who are still on Turk soil and now at critical point. If Germans get them back it will be bad setback for us and kill chances for future desertions.

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CM-IN-12045 (17 Feb 44) 1954Z bjm
From: MA Ankara, AM581
To: Cairo
MILID, AM581
15 Feb. 1944.

From Tindall Ankara.

Coolness between British and Turks continues and prospect of Turkey entering War seems more distant than six weeks ago.

Flood of editorials answering London Times article on situation here put forth ultra Turk viewpoint and strongly take British to task for imperialism broken promises failure to deliver war material to Turkey stupidity and trying sacrifice Turkey by pushing her prematurely into War for little gain and what not else.

Turk Government felt Times article inspired by British Embassy here and lost no time in telling own press what to say. Former ardent supporters of British and advocates of Turkey entering War have been used to lead attack. Yalman privately indicated Turk Foreign Minister dictated his editorials. Comment here is that this is obvious since for once they have been coherent.

Menemenoglu according source to told Axis Chiefs of Mission that he was more and more convinced that if Turkey
went to war she would commit huge error and while he was Foreign Minister Turkey would never abandon neutrality. Axis circles were slightly worried for time lest British Turk coolness was a smokescreen to mask excellent results obtained by British Mission and thus prevent German reaction. This fear now largely dispelled by Times article.

One point on which Axis circles are positive is that during parleys Turks insistently wanted learned grandlines Anglo Saxon plans in Mediterranean but got no satisfaction. Says Turks were merely told proposed Turk Mission which annoyed Turks immensely.

Some British here anticipated after short period coolness Turks would ask Mission come back and resume talks but no signs such as yet.

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IMMEDIATE

From: War Cabinet Offices
To: Middle East
Info: FREEDOM, Algiers
Rptd: J.S.N. (As C.O.S. (W) 1145)
PHONY 461

Following from BUCHA.
Reference COSMED 21, para 2.

Following is gist of reply sent by Foreign Office to ANKARA
telegram 70 with which we agreed.

You should take action accordingly.

(a) Projects already in hand should be continued in normal manner but should not be pressed too vigorously in face of difficulties.

(b) Only such key personnel should be withdrawn from Turkey as are urgently required elsewhere. This should be done as unobtrusively as possible. Further withdrawals of personnel and equipment will depend on whether Turkish obstruction makes this course desirable.

(c) Projects for training in and outside Turkey originated before present military conversations, should be continued so long as no difficulties arise with Turkey. Projects originating in present conversations should not be pursued. No new projects should be initiated by us but any Turkish proposals should be considered on merits bearing in mind that we do not want to give opening to

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Germany to produce instructors.

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Adm King
Gen Arnold
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Substance of statements made by Tur Foreign Minister to Axis Chief of Mission in recent interview follow. According source C:2 Menemenoglu said:

British communicated nothing to Turks concerning any intended landing or invasion of Balkans. British consider Turks incapable of offensive warfare and really only are trying get Turk air bases which would be extremely valuable to Allies for attack on Aegean islands whose occupation would permit use of straits for carrying supplies to Russia via Black Sea and facilitate attack on Salonika. Turkey resisted British pressure. Only opening of second front in Balkans could expedite entry of Turkey into war. Turkey hopes second front will open elsewhere so she will be able to maintain her neutrality.

Turkey considers conferences of Moscow and Teheran may now be considered nullified. Anglo Russian differences which become stronger after return Churchill to London are deeper than believed and may have decisive influence on future Europe. Turkey hopes differences will be decided in favor England. Differences concern basic question of Polish independence rather than merely Polish frontiers. It is thought England will not allow Poland become a Soviet Republic. Three possible outcomes.

1. Peaceful agreement. This means giving in to Russia at all points.
2. Stalemate with consequent deterioration
   Allied relations with Russia. Possible consequences are
   agreement between England and Germany, considered improbable,
   or agreement between Russia and Germany which is more likely.
   This would be disaster for Turkey since Germany undoubtedly
   would have abandon Balkans and Turkey to Russia.

3. Postponement of solution until after war.
   This would lead to coolness in Allied military relations
   which might upset conduct of war. Russia after reaching
   "Imperial" frontiers might sit down and leave Allies to
   prosecute decisive attack against Germany.

Recent Soviet announcement has three possible aims:

1. To give Soviets 16 representatives instead
   of one at peace conference.

2. To make Polish population willing to become
   "Independent" member of Soviet Union.

3. To create basis for kind of European
   Federation which would lead other nations one by one under
   Russian influence.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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To: War MILID
Cairo

4 February 1944

Departure Thursday of Linneil and rest British Mission is face-saving gesture re Turks. Turk Foreign Minister and Chief of Staff ran off recently to Istanbul so British Mission is now leaving as Turks come back prepared to resume negotiations. No progress to speak of was made in 5 weeks negotiations.

Parleys will undoubtedly be continued some time and somehow and the Ankara barks have been just episodes. However Middle East Staff Officers now probably understand Turk methods and mentality which is at least some advantage. Moreover departure of Mission may take some of smugness out of Turk Foreign Office.

As predicted several times before, the Turks will try to come into this war but it will be at such a late date that it will be of little advantage to anyone but Turks and it will not endanger Turks.

If it is really desired that Turks enter war, mailed fist is needed. For hundred years Turks have been playing off one nation against another and they think they can do it forever. If United Nations really want Turkey in war in time to be of help to us Turkey must be told in rude manner what to do and when to do it. In my opinion if we want Turkey in, we must tell her we will meet her conditions but that unless she meets ours we will cut off Santa Claus supplies both now and after the war and leave them to the Russians. One whisper of that would do the work.

To the best of my knowledge no real pressure was put on Turks. Mission was composed of capable officers who...
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From: MA Ankara
To: War MILID
No. 948, 5 February 1944

did best under their instructions. Turks all the time
meant to stall as long as possible unless super heat was
turned on which I do not believe Mission was empowered to
do.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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January 31, 1944

TO: AFRIC INFORM 03-IN-0 MIDDLE EAST, J.S.H., WASHINGTON

FROM: CHIEFS OF STAFF

Following most secret and personal for General Wilson from Chiefs of Staff.

Our immediately following telegram contains text of telegram from Foreign Office to H. M. Ambassador, Ankara. It has been repeated to Resident Minister, Cairo.

2. The Chiefs of Staff have telegraphed Air Marshall Linnell instructing him to return Cairo.

3. Delivery to Turkey of munitions and military stores and infiltration are to cease until further orders.

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ACTION: CC/8
INFORMATION: OPD

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January 31, 1944

TO: AFEQ INFORMATION CS-IN-C MIDDLE EAST
J.S.M., WASHINGTON

FROM: CHIEFS OF STAFF

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Following is text of telegram referred to in our immediately preceding telegram. Begins - We have considered the present position of the Turkish negotiations in the light of Air Marshal Linnell's telegram No. A. 576 of January 20th and your telegrams Nos. 91 of January 17th, and 108 and 109 of January 21st. It is obvious that the instructions sent to Air Marshal Linnell in my telegram No. 59 of January 11th no longer meet the situation and that a radical change of tactics is necessary. Your telegrams No. 127 and 132 only confirm me in this view.

2. In consultation with the Prime Minister and the Chiefs of Staff I have accordingly weighed the pros and cons of a showdown with the Turks, e.g. an ultimatum demanding permission to bring into Turkey technical experts and stores without further ado, failing which we would terminate the alliance. We are all agreed, however, that Turkey is not likely to yield to this threat and that we have more to lose than to gain by unsuccessful action, since it would quickly become known to the Germans and would improve their situation in South East Europe both politically and militarily. At the same time it would so shatter our relations with Turkey as to produce lasting effects even after the war, which might be detrimental to our long term interests. On the other hand it would do us no good either now or later to give in to Turkish demands and accept their arguments. Such surrender on our part would make the Turks far more intractable if later on we found it necessary to force the issue of Turkish belligerency, and, moreover, it would be difficult to explain
to the Soviet Government.

3. The Turkish position is far from strong and their anxieties very great. By maintaining our position without resorting to threats we may still be able to bring the Turks to a better frame of mind, before it is too late. We have decided therefore on the following course of action.

4. On the authority of the Chiefs of Staff you should instruct Air Marshal Linnell, together with the officers who accompanied him to Turkey, to return at once to Cairo. He should give the Turkish General Staff no reason for this but merely inform them that he has received instructions to this effect. Meanwhile you personally should refrain until further notice from all contact wherever possible with members of the Turkish Government, leaving all current business to be transacted by members of your staff.

5. Orders are being issued to cut off the delivery to Turkey of all munitions and military stores. No notification will be made to the Turks and no explanation should be given by any member of your staff. The curtailment of other supplies is also under consideration, but action in this field must be carefully worked out in order that our purchases in Turkey of certain important commodities which we require for our own use, e.g. chrome, emery, timber, dried fruit, shall not be adversely affected and that we do not drive the Turks economically into German arms. We shall, however, refuse henceforward to supply commodities such as copper, cotton piece goods and wool, unless the Turks prohibit similar exports.

6. I am informing the United States and Soviet Governments of the action we are now taking and requesting that your American and Russian colleagues be instructed to adopt and attitude in conformity with your own. At the same time I am emphasising that our objective is still the entry of Turkey into the war and that the present move is a tactical one designed to that end.

ACTION: CC/S

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who has agreed to furnish the U.S. Naval Attaché with information provided we do not reveal his connection with us to the British.
THIS IS SECRET.

BRITISH MISSION OF MILITARY NAVAL AND AIR OFFICERS WHICH ARRIVED 31 DECEMBER TO ARRANGE TURKEYS' ENTRANCE IN WAR STILL HERE.

IN DEADLOCK WITH TURKS, BOTH SIDES EXTREMELY CRITICAL. DEFINITE DISAGREEMENT OVER STRENGTH AXIS CAN AND WILL USE IN ATTACK.

BRITISH SAY GERMANS TOO OCCUPIED ELSEWHERE TO ATTACK. TURKS SAY THIS IS INSULT TO THEIR INTELLIGENCE. INSPIRE DIFFERENCES BRITISH EXPRESS RELIEF TURKS WILL GO TO WAR AND TURKS INCLUDING LOCAL AGENT ADMIT IT. TURKS SAY BRITISH FAIL-

URE DELIVER EQUIPMENT PROMISED LONG AGO THEY HAVE NO EFFECTIVE ARMORED UNITS OR AIRFORCE AND BRITISH ARE NOT INFILTRATING OWN PERSONNEL TO MAN AIRFIELDS AND SOME MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT. GERMANS KNOW ABOUT THIS AND SPEAK OF BRITISH FIFTH COLUMN. LOCAL AGENTS ESTIMATE SITUATION FOLLOWS QUOTE BULGARIAN ARMY DISCIPLINE AND MORALE STRENGTHENED BY RAIDS AND COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY GERMANS. IN ONE WEEK THREE GERMANY AND ONE BULGAR ARMORED DIVISIONS CAN ARRIVE TURKISH BORDER. BULGARIAN AIRFIELDS NOW READY FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANES CAN ARRIVE IN 24 HOURS. AIR FORCE WILL ATTACK TURKISH AIRFIELDS.

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THEY PROBABLY CAN. BRITISH WILL ARRIVE TOO LATE WITH TOO LITTLE
AS USUAL UNQUOTE.

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January 11, 1944

To: FREEDOM, Algiers
Rptd: J.S.M. (as C.O.S. (W) 1059)

From: Chiefs of Staff

Following from Foreign Secretary and Chiefs of Staff to General Wilson and Commanders-in-Chief Middle East (Middle East please pass) Ref. Mideast CC/370. We are sending following instructions to Air Marshal Linnell through H.M. Ambassador Ankara. BEGINS,

1. We agree that the prospects of an early entry of Turkey into the war are bad and that we must now concentrate our main effort on maintaining the threat to the Germans from the Eastern Mediterranean. At the same time the situation on the Russian Front is moving rapidly and may be followed by developments which will cause a change in the Turkish attitude. We must, therefore, keep clearly in mind the hope that Turkey may yet come into the war in the not too far distant future.

2. This being so there can be no question of breaking with the Turks. The ball must be kept rolling and we must continue with our efforts to press them to agree at once to our programme of infiltration and preparation.

3. We agree that you should now proceed to bargain, placing the air threat in the forefront of your discussions and insisting that infiltration should have first priority as the best means of combating this threat.

4. H.M.G. are not however prepared to agree that you should accept outright the liability for meeting the full Turkish commitments, even with the mental reservations you propose. In the first place as you know these demands are quite unjustified by the situation, the full quantity of supplies asked for cannot possibly reach the Turks in time to have any influence on the war situation and H.M.G. are therefore very reluctant to throw good equipment away. Secondly, we...
feel that if you accept this liability without further argument you will be playing our best card too early and tying our hands for the future. We are prepared to give you discretion in exactly how much you give away. But you must make clear 2 points:

(a) We are not prepared to give away the full amount asked for, we are prepared to provide what, with our fuller knowledge, we agree to be necessary.

(b) We will not agree that the re-equipping of Turkish Forces should come before infiltration.

5. Request therefore you proceed to hard bargaining on the above lines. We accept the fact that hard bargaining may lead to a deadlock with the General Staff which may entail a reference to respective Governments to keep the ball rolling. We realize that we are setting you a difficult task but you will understand that H.M.G. have given the Turks a great deal and have so far received very little in return. You must therefore do your best to get every concession you can at the cheapest possible price. Every man you can get into Turkey will help to increase German anxiety as to our intentions, and if you can spin out these negotiations for time not only will you be maintaining the threat but the situation may well play into your hands. ENDS.

ACTION: CCS (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King
White House
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From: T. M. Aiglera
To: War
No. W-9525 7 January 1944

This is MAP 582. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cit FIGHT. BUST.

There follows a paraphrase of Middle Eastern message CC/369 of 5 January which is further report on discussions in Turkey between British representatives and Turkish General Staff. Middle Eastern chiefs of staff direct. Paraphrase begins.

1. At morning meeting 5 January, our intelligence case presented in full. Cannot state to what extent Turkish OSS convinced, but atmosphere better and they more receptive.

2. Two points concerning air matters discussed yesterday meeting misunderstood. Correct interpretation Turkish view follows:

A. Turkish assessment of Axis Air Forces capable employment against Turkey 300/1000 aircraft of which two-thirds possible striking force.

B. Turkish Air Force unable to acquire strength and ability to perform duties designated them with equipment so far supplied, all of which relegated second line. (Paras 5 A and 5 D of AFR message W 9471 dated 6 January should be amended accordingly).

3. Our case presented this morning very strong and we have emphasized need to speed up discussions. We meet again morning 5 January.

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Note: W 9471 is CM-IN-3916 (7 Jan 44) CC/3 (Capt Royal, USN)

ACTION: CC/3 (Capt Royal, USN)


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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. W9471 MAP 580

6 January 1944

AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff W9471 from
Freedom signed Eisenhower cite PHLOT B1G0T. This is
MAP 580.

There follows a paraphrase of 2 telegrams dated
1st and 3rd January to 0INC Mideast from our representa-
tives at present conducting conversations with Turkish
GS in Turkey. Telegrams give progress of events and
discussions since arrival in Turkey. British Chiefs
of Staff have been informed direct by Mideast.

Paraphrase Begins:

Para 1. No secrecy observed by Turks either at
Adana or Ankara at both of which were received on
arrival by Turkish Representatives in uniform.

Para 2. Morning Friday 31st December was spent
in official visits by us accompanied by Ambassador and
return visits by Foreign Minister, the Marshall, General
Orbey and Defense Minister. There followed official
lunch to whole delegation given by Turkish GS and Defense
Ministry. Our reception appeared to us very cordial.

Para 3. Spent Friday PM in redraft appendix A
on brief in light local advice from Ambassador. (Brief
has not been received by APHQ.)

Para 4. Accompanied by British Minister we
attended first official plenary meeting at which the
Marshall presided from 0930 till midday on Saturday 1st
January with Turkish GS in turn accompanied by their
Foreign Office Deputy Secretary General. We explained
points of appendix A and then handed to Turkish GS for

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detailed consideration. Difficult to gauge Turkish reaction. However no adverse reaction. Turkish GS promised their replies at plenary meeting 3rd January. Meanwhile we offered our services for elucidation any points and detailed discussions but doubtful if offer will be accepted. We hope for more detailed discussions after Monday 3rd January. It appears we are welcome and that Turkish GS desires to cooperate.

Para 5. Second plenary meeting took place on Monday PM 3rd January for 3 hours and the Marshall presented Turkish point of view as follows:

Subpara 7. While generally agreeing our strategic and intelligence picture he deduced 12 German and 14 Bulgarian Divisions could be made immediately available for offensive against Thrace. Also deduced that 800/1,000 German aircraft available with possible increase 2/3 these figures. Bulgarian Air Force etc.

End of first part. Part 2 follows.

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ACTION: GC/S (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: Gen Strong

White House

Gen Arnold

Adm King

QPD

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Para 6. Evident that crux of matter lies in difference between our and Turkish appreciations possible scale of German attack. We persevered but chances of success not at present bright but will attempt resolve when we meet Turkish General without Marshal morning 4th January.

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INFORMATION: OFD
Gen Strong

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 17 1974

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Getting nowhere are negotiations between British Military conferences and Turks. Crisis due by Thursday. Same old political and military questions being raised again. Karakumber 3 man in Turk Foreign Office who participates in Yarlesasaya. Government feels it lacks sufficient stability to agree now to enter war at proposed time because strong political opposition has developed. Indicated that Government fears it might fall if it made such agreement hence inclined to defer actual commitment.

Germans know conferences are here. Above source says Von Papen has been told by Turks that conferences are pressing for Turk entry into war but that allowing them to come is mere concession to British that nothing will come of it.

British Military Mission headed by Chief of Staff Gen. Wilson and Air Marshall Lennell are they.

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INFORMATION: OPD

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