

The area they occupy is so important that we must not abandon our efforts.

The Secretary thereupon stated that he understood that since the President and the Prime Minister were leaving early in the morning to visit the new Turkish brigade training for service in Korea he felt that he must part. The President replied that Turkey was proud to be fighting alongside of the American Army in Korea.

The Secretary stated that he had a letter to deliver to the President from General Eisenhower, from whom he brought greetings to the President. General Eisenhower was greatly impressed with the Turks during his visit while NATO Commander and often spoke of the great effort that the Turks were making.

The President asked to be remembered to President Eisenhower, for whom he expressed the greatest admiration.

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Memorandum of Conversation, by the First Secretary of Embassy in Greece (Schnee)¹

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Subject: Greece

Participants:

United States

Greece

Secretary John Foster Dulles

Prime Minister Papagos

Honorable Harold Stassen

Mr. Douglas MacArthur II

Mr. Henry A. Byroade

Ambassador Peurifoy

Mr. Alexander Schnee

In opening the conversation the Field Marshal expressed his great pleasure at welcoming Mr. Dulles not only because he was Secretary of State of the United States but because the Field Marshal knew of the personal leadership that Mr. Dulles had exercised in the struggle against Communism.

The dangers of Communism are well known to the Greek people, who if called upon will be prepared to make any sacrifices necessary in order to defeat Communist aggression and in order to protect their national security. Greece is fully conscious of her obliga-

¹ This conversation took place at the office of the Prime Minister.