

13. *Military*: There should be a Middle East Military Committee consisting initially of representatives of the seven sponsoring powers, but it would appear that some smaller body, for instance a Steering Committee, will probably be necessary.

14. *Logistics*: The supply of arms must, at present, come from U.S., U.K. and France. This sphere may conflict with NATO and should thus be closely allied to it. The proposed tripartite arms agency for the Middle East could be dovetailed into the NATO organisation for coordination of supply and production.

#### COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT COMMANDS

15. It will be for MECO, when established to evolve the arrangements for operational coordination between the Command and the adjacent Allied Commands. In the case of adjoining NATO Commands in the Mediterranean this will have to be resolved between the Chairman of MECO and SACEUR.

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#### *The Ambassador in Turkey (McGhee) to the Department of State*

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710. Brit Amb advised me that London has proposed to Washington and Paris that Turk and Greece be brought into NATO under Carney and that Turk wld be told at same time that they wld be expected make contribution to MEC and that mtg wld be held in London immed after their entry into NATO for purpose moving forward with org of command. FonOff advises him that Dept reaction favorable. I assume Dept will, of course, advise me fully before any final decisions are taken in this matter. We wld in particular wish to know more as soon as Turk can be officially advised that she will be admitted to NATO under Carney. Arnold advised me today of JC's decision on this question which, I assume, now only awaits final action SG. We wld also like be able prior to agreement by other three powers discuss with Turks question of MEC mtg.

Brit Amb here is almost as concerned as I, as I have expressed in recent telegrams, of tendency London seek agreement with US and even France on MEC matters to be presented to Turks as *fait accompli*. He is, of course, aware of grave suspicion that exists here with respect to MEC and fact that whole-hearted Turk participation in MEC, which is gen unpopular both in govt and private circles, will require very delicate handling. I strongly urge that there