

partment of Defense that the establishment of a Middle East Command must not be allowed to jeopardize the accession of Greece and Turkey to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The details of effecting coordination of effort between a Middle East Command and contiguous NATO commands cannot be determined until after Greece and Turkey are members of NATO. Any arrangements which would tend toward integration of the two commands (the British "two-hat" concept) should be opposed.

Your proposals to establish an informal State-Defense Working Group at this time to study the various problems connected with the establishment of a Middle East Command and to make recommendations for their resolution is concurred in. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will provide the Department of Defense representation on the Working Group.

Prior to the time that a United States position on the matter of the Middle East Command Headquarters is reached, I do not agree with your suggestion that the United Kingdom be informed of the establishment of the Working Group. When the United States position is reached, it is agreed to use Defense channels to advise the United Kingdom of this Working Group.

Sincerely yours,

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756. Memo of conversation Feb 8 between Ambassador and Turkish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister being air pouched Dept as desp 437 Feb 12.² In view early visit Pakistani Foreign Minister to Turkey, Dept may be interested fol exchange of views on Pakistan which took place during conversation:

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister stated Turkish Govt attached great significance relations with Pakistan. They hope to discuss Kashmir question and Pushtoonistan issue³ with Pakistani Foreign Minister during his visit here next week to see what may be done of constructive nature. Ambassador pointed out that because of its close friendship with Afghanistan and Pakistan,

¹ Repeated to Karachi, Tehran, and Kabul.

² Not printed.

³ For documentation on these matters, see vol. XI, Part 2, pp. 1365 ff.