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PRESENT

General Bradley	Mr. Matthews
General Collins	Mr. Nitze
Admiral Fechteler	Mr. Perkins
General Twining	Mr. Byroade
Admiral Wooldridge	Mr. Ferguson
Admiral Fife	Mr. McClerkin
General Bolte	Mr. Tufts
General Lee	
General Cabell	
Colonel Carnes	

Mr. Lay
General Ruffner

MIDDLE EAST

Mr. Matthews: We would like to discuss with you this morning our strategy toward the Middle East and what we can do in light of the vacuum in that area.

General Bradley: This is a very important area and it is highly desirable to do something about its defense. The question seems to be: Where will the stuff come from? It will take a lot of stuff to do a job there. The problem of getting Australia and New Zealand to do much in the area will be difficult until we are prepared to do something. Now that the Turks have gotten into NATO they say they are prepared to support the Middle Eastern Command and they may be willing to do something. I don't know how far we could get with Pakistan until the Kashmir problem has been solved. If we give Pakistan military aid we will find ourselves in

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² The meeting was held at 11 a.m. at the Pentagon.