

depend on circumstances. UK trusts there will be no objection on part sponsoring powers in proceeding along above lines. Similar communication will be made to govts of France, Turk, Austral, NZ and SoAfr. *End summary.*

Depts position re UK proposal has been communicated to UK Govt and is summarized as fols:

1. Dept plsd with UK proposal and if circumstances appropriate will be prepared support UK its approach. UK aware that GOP rep approached US during Jul 1952 re credit assistance of about 200 million dols for US arms.⁵ If question arms assistance arises between Pak and US in context Pak assoc with MEDO, Dept proposes to say that under present circumstances there obviously can be no firm program for 1954 FY but that US wld want to take into account in its future program for ME Paks participation.

2. Dept shares UKs concern over possibility unfav Ind reaction and also shares fully its desire minimize Ind suspicions. Dept therefore will welcome further consultations to this end; in meantime it agrees with UK proposal to inform Ind.

3. Info as to timing proposed talks with Ind and Pak will be appreciated. Dept considers approach to Pak might be made most appropriately at about time matter first discussed with Arab states. *End summary.*

Foregoing FYI and guidance if approached on subj by FonOff.⁶

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⁵ For documentation, see vol. xi, Part 2, pp. 1818 ff.

⁶ The reply to this telegram from the Embassy in New Delhi is printed *infra*. Other replies are in Department of State file 780.5. Telegram 680 from Ankara, Nov. 21, not printed, transmitted the text of the Turkish reply to the British note, handed to the Embassy on Nov. 20. The Turkish reply stated it would be just and proper for the British to inform Pakistan about the Middle East Defense Organization, but it suggested that Pakistan not be invited to join because of possible strong adverse reactions from India and Afghanistan. (780.5/11-2152)

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2119. Ref cirtel 544, Nov 13.² Organizations such as UN, NATO, MEDO, ANZUS and bilateral arrangements are beginning of effective collective security system which is vital to world security and therefore to US security.

¹ Repeated to Karachi, Kabul, Tehran, and London.

² *Supra*.