

Telegram 2775 to Paris, November 13, not printed, informed the Embassy that "although Fr proposal for ultimate formal authority of SG in MEDO and for SG liaison Mission to MEDO Planning Grp in prelim phase unacceptable, Dept hopeful may be possible work out some interim liaison arrangement which will prove acceptable FonOff." (780.5/11-1052) The United States reply to the French Note was transmitted to the Embassy in Paris in telegram 3184, December 4, *infra*.

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780.5/11-2352: Telegram

#### *The Secretary of State to the Embassy in France*<sup>1</sup>

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3184. Embtel 2611. Fol reply to Fr note of Oct 25<sup>2</sup> re MEDO shld be presented FonOff by Emb:<sup>3</sup>

US Govt pleased its recent exchange of views with Fr Govt concerning relations proposed MEDO with NATO has shown two govts to be in full agreement as to importance of assuring that work of MEDO Planning Group shld be conducted with proper regard for NATO strategic objectives and plans. This govt also pleased at progress made in bringing together views of the two govts as to arrangements for serving this objective.

US Govt regrets however it is unable accept proposal put forward by Fr Govt in its *aide-memoire* of Oct 25, 1952 for establishment of formal liaison mission to represent NATO Standing Group at headquarters of MEDO Planning Group. US Govt considers that this proposal is open to the fol objections:

A. Estab of a Standing Group liaison mission in manner proposed wld require approval of North Atlantic Council and might be cause of concern to some member govts. Creation of such a mission wld emphasize Western aspects of MEDO and might make more difficult task of negotiating with Arab States for their entry into org. At the least, it might well justify Arab States in demanding similar mission to represent Arab League.

B. Proposal to add Turkish representation to Standing Group when that body considered MEDO matters wld have effect of de-

<sup>1</sup> Drafted by Dasplit on Nov. 28; cleared by NEA, EUR, RA, BNA, S/P, S/S-CR, WE, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Repeated for information to London as telegram 3756.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed, but see the editorial note, *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> Despatch 1263 from Paris, Dec. 10, informed the Department of State that a copy of this telegram dated Dec. 6, had been handed to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Dec. 6; a copy of the note was enclosed. (780.5/12-1052)