

sirable on military grounds to begin a substantial build up in one or more of the Middle East countries (including Pakistan), additional funds will, of course, be required.

I am informed that the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning the allocation of this year's funds by services among the several Middle East countries is expected shortly. On this basis it should be possible to form a judgment as to the general magnitude and character of the programs which might be contemplated in FY 1955. I am hopeful that as soon as these data become available the Department of Defense will develop on an urgent basis an estimate for submission to the Bureau of the Budget. If there is anything which this Department can do toward facilitating such a submission, or if there appear to be reasons why such an estimate cannot be promptly submitted, I would appreciate your advising me at once.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration.

Sincerely yours,

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*Memorandum by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense (Wilson)*¹

TOP SECRET

WASHINGTON, 14 November 1953.

Subject: Security Arrangements for the Middle East.

1. Reference is made to our memorandum dated 11 August 1953, subject: "Defense Arrangements for the Middle East"² and to your memorandum dated 16 October 1953, subject: "Grant Military Assistance to the Middle East."³

¹ This memorandum was an enclosure to a letter from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of State, dated Nov. 24, not printed. Referring to the Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum of Aug. 11 (attached to Document 148) the letter reads, in part: "In order to bring you up to date concerning the progress of this planning, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a further memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff setting forth their present views as to what type of defense arrangements should be considered at this time. The views set forth in this memorandum, in which I concur, appear to coincide with the views expressed in your letter of 26 June [Document 142]; but, due to the trend of recent developments in the Middle East area, go a step further." (788.5/11-2453)

² Attached to Document 148.

³ Not found in Department of State files.