

submission to the National Security Council in conformity with the requirements of subparagraph 16f of NSC 155/1. ⁶

6. In this connection, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are considering the possibility of entering tripartite military talks at staff level with the United Kingdom and Turkey on the subject of defense of the Middle East. The Joint Chiefs of Staff consider that the proposals contained herein, after finalization as indicated in paragraph 5 above, will be appropriate for guidance of the U.S. members participating in these military talks when they are held.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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⁶ According to the letter from Jernegan to Henderson on Nov. 19, *infra*, this memorandum was given to the Department of State informally on Nov. 18. See also footnote 2, Document 162.

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The Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs (Jernegan) to the Ambassador in Iran (Henderson) ¹

TOP SECRET

WASHINGTON, November 19, 1953.

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DEAR LOY: I refer to my letter of November 9, ² regarding the thought being given to a possible defense arrangement among Iran, Turkey, Iraq and Pakistan. Further to that same subject, I enclose a copy of a memorandum dated November 14 from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense. ³ This was given to us informally yesterday and we expect to receive it formally in a few days with the endorsement of the Secretary of Defense.

As you will see, this memorandum constitutes adoption by the Joint Chiefs of the idea which I wrote you we had found at the working level. The only new note introduced is the suggestion that some method be found to provide indirect military aid to Pakistan in order to avoid adverse repercussions in India and Afghanistan. (Personally, I do not believe it is possible to work out an effective

¹ Repeated to the Ambassadors in Turkey, Iraq, and Pakistan.

² Document 157.

³ *Supra*.