

method of indirect military aid. If we decide to help Pakistan we shall just have to ride out the storm.)

I should like also to call to your personal attention a memorandum of conversation which I had on November 17 with the Turkish Ambassador here on this general subject. A copy is going forward through the usual channels. ⁴

Ambassador Ward has just been here on consultation and I took the occasion to tell him about our ideas and ask his estimate of the probable Afghan attitude. He does not believe Afghanistan would feel able to risk joining up with any defense arrangement under present conditions and he thinks they would be considerably upset at participation by Pakistan. However, he did not feel that we need be deterred by an adverse Afghan reaction.

As before, I am sending copies of this letter to Ambassadors Warren, Berry and Hildreth.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. JERNEGAN

P.S. Since the Joint Chiefs' memorandum has not yet been officially transmitted to us and we do not have formal clearance to send it to the field, please treat it in the utmost confidence and do not refer to it in any formal official communication.

⁴ No memorandum of this conversation has been found in Department of State files.

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The Ambassador in Turkey (Warren) to the Department of State

TOP SECRET

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557. For Byroade. Delivered Ghulam Mohammed substance priority Wirom 587, November 27, ¹ immediately after his arrival Ankara November 28, about same time he received telegram from his Ambassador in Washington, quoting conversation Erkin had with Amjid Ali to effect that Ghulam Mohammed would find atmosphere in Ankara favorable for discussions on a community of defense interest, between Turkey and Pakistan.

During next 36 hours, Ghulam Mohammed had extensive conversations, first with Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, and later with

¹ Not printed; it asked the Ambassador to inform Ghulam Mohammed that there had as yet been no decision on military aid to Pakistan, but the Department of State hoped to have a decision in a few days.