

I presume that this statement would be one that would be issued publicly and embodied in a note that would be delivered to India.

After this is drafted, the matter will be taken up again with the President for his final decision.

It was felt unnecessary to take this back to the NSC in view of its decision in 155/1.³

dent to issue when Pakistan was informed that military aid would be extended. In addition, NEA was preparing a letter for the President to send to Indian Prime Minister Nehru immediately prior to the public announcement of arms aid to Pakistan. (790D.5 MSP/1-854)

A memorandum for the President on military aid to Pakistan, dated Feb. 16, by Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy, reported that Pakistan would formally request grant military aid from the United States in the near future, and it had been agreed that we would immediately give a favorable response. Attached were drafts of a statement for the President to make regarding military aid to Pakistan and a personal message from the President to send to the Indian Prime Minister. A memorandum by Ann Whitman, personal secretary to the President, dated Feb. 16, stated that she was returning the documents, which had been approved by the President. (790D.5 MSP/2-1654)

³ Document 145.

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Memorandum of Conversation, by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs (Jernegan)

TOP SECRET

[WASHINGTON,] January 6, 1954.

Subject: British Queries Regarding Proposed Middle Eastern Defense Pact

Participants: Mr. Harold Beeley, Counselor, British Embassy
 Mr. J.C. Crawley, First Secretary, British Embassy
 NEA: Mr. John D. Jernegan

Mr. Beeley had a telegram from London (which he thought had probably been drafted by Mr. Eden himself) requesting the State Department's "considered opinion" regarding certain aspects of the proposal to bring about a defense arrangement among Turkey, Pakistan, Iran and Iraq. They were as follows:

1. *Does the Department consider that the defense arrangement between Turkey and Pakistan would have any military value, the two countries being so far apart?*

I suggested this was a question which might better be directed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I could only say that the Joint Chiefs, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, had proposed that we attempt to bring about a defense arrangement including