

ment, however, until after January 23rd in view of the Korean situation. He stated his concern at the situation in India and directed that every possible public and private means at our disposal be used to ease the effects of our action on India. He concurred in general with a draft statement<sup>3</sup> which had been prepared for issuance by the President at the appropriate time which would explain the nature of what we were going to do, and why we were doing it, in the best possible public light. He agreed that a letter should be sent to Nehru prior to any public announcement by the US.

<sup>3</sup> For information on the proposed statement by the President and his message to Nehru, see Document 174.

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

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773. Part one of two part message. Eyes only Ambassadors.

1. Department appreciates excellent reply to questions Department raised concerning joint Pakistan-Turkish defense agreement and is especially pleased see cooperative spirit reflected.<sup>2</sup>

2. Department in full agreement Turkish statement re objectives and significant proposed mutual defense arrangement.

3. Turks agreement Department's views on Iran noted.<sup>3</sup> As to Iraq, Department believes Turk analysis sound, and endorses course proposed paragraph 8. Turks should know that information has just been given Hamali in great confidence that U.S. will shortly reply and most probably favorably Iraq request limited military assistance. Although no conditions re participation defense arrangements will be attached U.S. reply, it will be made clear that amounts provided will necessarily reflect progress in development effective area defense.<sup>4</sup>

4. As to character proposed Turk-Pakistan arrangements, agree Turk view paragraph 10 it will differ from Ankara Pact in several

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Karachi, New Delhi, London, and Paris. A handwritten note on the source text indicates that on Jan. 19 the *aide-memoire* was transmitted to the Foreign Office, and an advance copy was given to Birgi; on Jan. 21, the Ambassador handed the original to the Foreign Minister.

<sup>2</sup> This reference is to the Jan. 11 memorandum of the Turkish Government, transmitted to the Department of State in telegram 699 from Ankara, Jan. 11. Telegram 699 is not printed, but see footnote 2, Document 170.

<sup>3</sup> See footnote 3, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> See footnote 4, *ibid.*