

C. U.S. statement welcoming this decision. (US, Turkey, Pakistan)

D. Pakistan's public announcement of its request for U.S. arms assistance. (Pakistan, US)

E. President's statement of intention supply arms to Pakistan. (US, Pakistan)

In addition, steps in diplomatic preparation including possible Turk assurances Afghanistan and U.S. assurances India of mutual interest, and there should be exchange of information this subject.

8. Discuss above with Turks and advise their reactions soonest. ⁶

9. Department now preparing texts for suggested points to be covered all above topics where U.S. listed as a principal. These will be forwarded soon. ⁷

10. While preparations listed this cable probably automatically preclude, we feel it essential there be no publicity or public statements prior to January 23 in view of Korean situation.

11. Embassies Karachi and Delhi cautioned to take no action at this time on this message.

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⁶ See telegram 747 from Ankara, Document 175.

⁷ See the editorial note, *infra*.

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Editorial Note

On January 20, the Department of State sent five telegrams to the Embassies in Ankara and Karachi concerning the forthcoming Turkish-Pakistan agreement. Telegram 783 to Ankara, repeated as 547 to Karachi, offered suggestions for Embassy guidance in discussions with the Foreign Offices on the principal points that might be included in a joint Turkish-Pakistan communiqué on the decision to hold exploratory talks. Telegram 784 to Ankara, repeated as 548 to Karachi, presented a suggested outline of points which might be covered in a Turkish statement to the North Atlantic Council on the impending conversations with Pakistan. Telegram 785 to Ankara, repeated as 549 to Karachi and 857 to New Delhi, transmitted a proposed statement for the President to issue if a favorable decision on military aid to Pakistan were made after the announcement of Turkish-Pakistan consultation. Telegram 786 to Ankara, repeated as 550 to Karachi and 858 to New Delhi, transmitted a proposed statement for the Secretary of State to issue, welcoming the decision of Turkey and Pakistan to hold talks on joint defense problems.