

Telegram 787 to Ankara, repeated as 551 to Karachi and 859 to New Delhi, transmitted the draft of a personal message from President Eisenhower to Prime Minister Nehru in the case of a favorable United States decision on military aid to Pakistan. It ended by saying that the message would be delivered a day or two before the public answer to Pakistan and stressed the fact that the message was only a draft sent to the Embassy for suggestions. Documentation is in Department of State file 780.5.

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780.5/1-2154: Telegram

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747. Reference my telegram 733 January 19.² In meeting with Foreign Minister and Under Secretary Birgi late this afternoon, Turks expressed full agreement all main points Department telegram 773 and promised text reply tomorrow.³ Turks prepared move immediately. Birgi summarized Turkish views as follows:

1. Complete agreement with US views re agreement with Pakistan and will draft accordingly. Will instruct Ambassador Karachi initiate talks with Pakistanis and agree text communiqué in consultation Hildreth. (Department telegram 783⁴ not received in time inform Turks our views re text today.) Turks feel word "defense" should be avoided in title agreement and will seek suitable phraseology as in case tripartite pact.

2. Agree on proposed series moves ending with US announcement intention extend military aid Pakistan, and on need utmost secrecy especially early stages.

3. Reference US statement welcoming Turkish-Pakistani communiqué, Turks urge desirability avoid impression US instigation. They have the advance draft.

4. Turks agree timing needs careful coordination. They propose approach Iraq on basis outlined Foreign Office memorandum January 11 (Embassy telegram 699).⁵ Turkish Ambassador Baghdad

¹ Repeated to Karachi, New Delhi, Paris, and London.

² Not printed; the Ambassador reported he had given the *aide-memoire* to the Foreign Office and expected to see the Foreign Minister the next day. (780.5/1-1954)

³ Telegram 773 is printed as Document 173. The Turkish Foreign Office memorandum, dated Jan. 21, was transmitted in telegram 755 from Ankara, Jan. 23, not printed. (780.5/1-2354)

⁴ Not printed, but see the editorial note, *supra*.

⁵ Not printed, but see footnote 2, Document 170.