

In conversation with Foreign Office Under Secretary last Friday British Chargé enumerated various reasons in favor delaying conclusion Turkish-Pakistani agreement:

(1) Unfortunate effect on Berlin talks with Soviets; (2) violent Indian reaction, which placed British in difficult spot from Commonwealth point of view; (3) desirability inclusion "Western Powers" in any agreement.

Birgi in reply summarized views Turks and ourselves in favor proceeding soon as possible on basis regional Turkish-Pakistani initiative. He noted again that time of announcement not yet determined and may not occur until Berlin conference is over.

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1. Department considers that US-Turk agreement on all significant points has now been reached and that Turks might now act immediately inform Pakistanis as proposed sub para 4(a) ref tel. US Ambassador Karachi hereby instructed consult with his Turkish colleague, and following Turk approach should inform Pakistan of US support Turk-Pakistan arrangement and in confidence of US decision supply military assistance Pakistan in framework of Pak-Turk agreement.

2. Believe full US-Turk agreement already recorded on general nature various moves proposed Para 5, Deptel 773,³ with two exceptions:

A. Turks suggest possibly better for US Secretary of State not to issue public statement welcoming Turk-Pakistan arrangements. Department shares desire of Turks that US role in these developments should be minimized and accordingly agrees preferable that US reaction be indicated in Secretary's press conference.

B. Nature of Turk approach to Afghanistan. This subject of Part II this message.

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² Not printed, but see footnote 3, Document 175.

³ Document 173.