

Telegram 573 to Karachi, January 25, repeated as 808 to Ankara and 878 to New Delhi, reported the Department of State had not seen the United Press story but expressed regret that it had embarrassed the Embassy. It said the announcement of United States aid was not related to Bayar's visit and authorized the Embassy to discuss the matter of the Turkish-Pakistan agreement and United States aid to Pakistan with the Prime Minister and Governor General of Pakistan in general terms, stressing the importance of keeping secret the United States part in any agreement between Turkey and Pakistan.

Telegram 578 to Karachi, January 25, repeated as 812 to Ankara, requested the Embassy to express the Department of State's serious concern and embarrassment over press speculation on Middle East defense and arrangements between Turkey and Pakistan and other states. "Since rumor started impossible control speculation by press which has always been acutely interested any defensive move in that part of the world. U.S. Government doing its best reduce press play but feels distortions cannot be corrected until positive steps can be announced and the quicker this stage reached the better." Telegram 589 to Karachi, January 26, repeated as 818 to Ankara and 890 to New Delhi, reported a *New York Times* story of January 26 which stated Turkey and Pakistan were negotiating an agreement for military, economic, and cultural cooperation that might be announced during Bayar's visit. The story also reported the United States would not be a party to the agreement, but was expected to offer military aid after its conclusion. The Department of State was replying "no comment" to public inquiries. Documentation is in Department of State file 780.5.

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424. When I called on Prime Minister Jamali last evening prior my departure Amman, I congratulated him on his recent hard-hitting statements against communism and on his efforts to build an anti-Communist propaganda machine in Iraq.

Prime Minister stated he hoped to do more than just fight communism. He hoped to move to an open and avowed pro-Western

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Karachi, Ankara, Tehran, Cairo, Beirut, London, Amman, Jidda, Tripoli, Tel Aviv, New Delhi, and Paris.