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*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Deputy Director of the Office
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WASHINGTON, January 29, 1954.

Subject: Turkish-Pakistani Developments.

Participants: His Excellency Cevat Açıkalın, Secretary General of
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
His Excellency Fatin Rustu Zorlu, Permanent
Representative to the North Atlantic Council
His Excellency Feridun C. Erkin, Turkish
Ambassador
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Mr. Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary, NEA
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Mr. William O. Baxter, Deputy Director, GTI

When Secretary General Açıkalın and his party paid a courtesy call in the Department this afternoon, Mr. Byroade took the opportunity to bring them up to date on developments with regard to the proposed Turkish-Pakistani conversations which had taken place since they left Ankara ten days ago. All members of the group read with great care the text of the Turkish *Aide-Memoire* drafted and delivered to our Embassy in Ankara subsequent to their departure, as well as the Department's reply commenting on certain points raised in the Turkish note.

Ambassador Açıkalın expressed great satisfaction at the measure of agreement between the Turkish and American points of view. He stated his opinion that Indian reaction, though it would of course be sharp and articulate, could be counteracted so that it would not eventually play a decisive part in area relationships. He also voiced the hope that the United States might find it possible to extend some aid to Afghanistan, but did not press this point vehemently after Mr. Byroade explained that it would take a long time to reach any decision on extending aid to Afghanistan and that, even if the decision were affirmative, he could not envisage assistance in an amount that would be considered sufficient by Afghanistan.

Ambassador Açıkalın and his colleagues, as they took leave, reiterated their appreciation to Mr. Byroade for the information he had given them and said that they were "overjoyed" at the success of President Bayar's three-day visit in Washington, particularly the