

2. Shortly thereafter, Pakistan would make a public request for military assistance, to which we would reply favorably. A day or two prior to our reply, the Indians would be informed and a special message from you handed to Nehru.

Immediately thereafter, the necessary mutual defense agreement would be negotiated and a military mission despatched to survey needs and arrive at program recommendations.

U.S. officials informed of the impending development of a Turkish-Pakistan pact should be warned of the danger of making public comments in such a way as to suggest the United States Government has played a prominent role in promoting it. . . . An indiscreet comment at this time, just before the anticipated announcement of Turkish-Pakistan plans, might have particularly unfortunate results.

threat on their frontiers. According to the Secretary, neither he nor Eden was very concerned but he suggested that if the date of the announcement could be conveniently deferred until late February the United States could give Churchill satisfaction. (682.90D/1-3054)

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789.5/2-454: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Turkey (Warren) to the Department of State*¹

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803. Berlin for Secretary. Embtel 795² and Deptel 844,³ February 2.

Turkish Ambassador Karachi has informed Foreign Office initial meeting past week-end with Pakistani Governor General went off in cordial atmosphere. Ghulam Mohammed reacted favorably. Ambassador's outline Turkish proposed line of action and general nature proposed agreement. Foreign Minister, also present, appeared cautious but also agreed Turkish exposition. Foreign Office has queried Ambassador Karachi whether Pakistanis agree proposed procedure re diplomatic approaches to Iraq, India, Iran and Afghanistan, and whether Pakistan will also approach Iraq.

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

² Not printed; it reported the Foreign Minister had gone to Istanbul to obtain the Prime Minister's approval of the draft of the Turkish-Pakistan agreement. (Ankara Embassy files, lot 57 F 72, 400 MED, 1953-54)

³ Not printed; it reported the Pakistan Prime Minister was eager for publication prior to the elections in East Pakistan on Feb. 15 and requested the Embassy to advise the Department of State of the earliest possible date a joint Turkish-Pakistan communiqué could be issued. (782.5/2-254)