

inary instructions Turkish representatives Iraq, Iran, India and Afghanistan, as well as at NAC; and I strongly feel we should not disrupt plans for sake of saving perhaps one day's time.

WARREN

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Editorial Note

Telegram 622 from Karachi, February 15, transmitted the Pakistani draft of its official request for military aid from the United States. Telegram 675 to Karachi, February 17, informed the Embassy the Department of State was pleased with the Pakistani draft request and did not ask for any changes in the text. The Department considered the text of the request a suitable basis for a public announcement, although it suggested that the text might be shortened for that purpose. Telegram 647 from Karachi, February 19, transmitted the text of the public announcement to be made by the Government of Pakistan requesting military aid. Documentation on this matter is in Department of State file 790D.5 MSP.

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780.5/2-1754: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Iraq (Berry) to the Department of State*¹

TOP SECRET

BAGHDAD, February 17, 1954—9 a .m.

461. Reference Embassy telegram 456 to Department February 15, 1954.²

Turkish Ambassador met Prime Minister and Foreign Minister together this afternoon at 3 p. m. Immediately thereafter, he informed me that Iraqi officials had received his message with satisfaction, Prime Minister saying that he felt great joy and pride because he himself had put forward a similar suggestion last year.

Prime Minister asked if he could accept this information as an invitation to participate. Ambassador replied, "are you awaiting an

¹ Repeated to Ankara and Karachi.

² Not printed; it advised the Department of State the Turkish Ambassador to Iraq had informed Ambassador Berry he had a joint appointment with the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Iraq to inform them of the Turkish talks with Pakistan. The Turkish Ambassador promised to inform Ambassador Berry and the British Ambassador of the results of his conversation. (780.5/2-1554)