

invitation." Prime Minister said "yes." Ambassador then said, "in such case you may accept this communication as an invitation."

Prime Minister asked if he could see text of project agreement. Ambassador said that he himself did not have it but that he would inform his government of request.

Foreign Minister inquired if Iraq would be required to send Iraqi soldiers beyond Iraqi frontiers. Ambassador said that was a matter that would be worked out in course of discussions. Prime Minister interjected that if Israel were to be party to arrangement, Iraq could not participate. Ambassador said there was no plan to include Israel.

Ambassador inquired if, when news became public, Prime Minister would anticipate much popular opposition. Prime Minister said opposition would come only from Communists and Istiqlal Party.

Ambassador told Prime Minister that he would inform me immediately of this conversation. Prime Minister said that he also would inform me.

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Editorial Note

On February 24, Ambassador George V. Allen delivered a letter from President Eisenhower to Indian Prime Minister Nehru concerning United States military aid to Pakistan. On February 25, the White House issued a press release containing the text of the letter and a statement by the President on United States military aid to Pakistan. Both documents are printed in Department of State *Bulletin*, March 15, 1954, pages 400-401.

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

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888. Embtel 870, February 19.² Foreign Office has received report from Turkish Ambassador Karachi that Pakistan Foreign

¹ Repeated as 52 to Karachi.

² Not printed; it reported the Foreign Office of Pakistan had informed the Turkish Ambassador in Karachi that the draft cooperation agreement was under urgent consideration. (780.5/2-1954)