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*The Ambassador in the Soviet Union (Bohlen) to the Department of State*<sup>1</sup>

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1108. Re Embtel 1104.<sup>2</sup> Zorin called in Turkish Chargé here March 18 and handed him note protesting Turko-Pakistani agreement. Text published today's Soviet press says in part:

"Turko-Pakistani pact is calculated to involve other countries in military bloc, in view of this it is not without foundation considered nucleus for creation Middle Eastern military bloc.

"Inasmuch as no attack, as is well known, threatens either Turkey or Pakistan, this pact cannot be considered defensive. On contrary, as is evident from statements of officials of Turkey and Pakistan, its preparation is closely connected with military plans of Atlantic bloc and affects security of number of countries, especially in region Near and Middle East and also Southeast Asia.

"Soviet Government in its notes to Government of Turkey of November 24, 1951 and January 28, 1952 noted that attempts to create blocs in region Near and Middle East have aim of turning countries of Near and Middle East into *place d'armes* for armed forces of aggressive Atlantic bloc . . .

"Goes without saying that action of this kind of Turkish government cannot but aggravate situation in Near and Middle East and also Southeast Asia and has direct relation to security of Soviet Union . . .

"Such policy cannot but harm Soviet-Turkish relations. Acting in this fashion Turkish Government takes on itself responsibility for consequences of such situation."

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Ankara, Karachi, and New Delhi. All ellipses in this document are in the source text.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed; it reported recent press comment had reflected the Soviet Government's evident displeasure at the Turkish-Pakistan arrangement and the U.S.-Pakistan aid agreement. (780.5/3-1954)

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*Editorial Note*

Telegram 989 from Ankara, March 21, reported the Turkish Foreign Office stated the Soviet note protesting the Turkish-Pakistan agreement was similar in tone and content to previous Soviet notes protesting Turkish adherence to NATO. Despatch 440 from