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*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Deputy Director of the Office
of Near Eastern Affairs (Dorsey)*

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WASHINGTON, July 12, 1954. ¹

Subject: Turkey-Pakistan Pact and Military Aid for Iraq; Iraq-Syria Confederation.

Participants: Dr. Fadhil Jamali, Foreign Minister of Iraq
Musa Shabandar, Ambassador of Iraq
The Secretary
NE--Mr. Dorsey

After greeting Dr. Jamali, the Secretary expressed his satisfaction at the current status of American-Iraq relations, with particular emphasis on the recent arms agreement. ² He remarked that we had concluded the agreement with the understanding that the military support of Iraq would not be used against Israel; and he emphasized the importance the U.S. placed on the northern tier defense concept, and our hope that Iraq would soon move toward association with the Turk-Pakistan Pact.

Dr. Jamali replied by referring to Iraq's long leadership in the defense of the Middle East against Communism; and he assured the Secretary that Iraq would not attack Israel unless she was attacked. Iraq, however, desired assurance that the U.S. would not allow and would punish aggression by Israel. Regarding the regional defense organization, Dr. Jamali said that the Iraqis hoped that through association with Turkey, Pakistan, and Iraq [*Iran?*] they may not only cooperate in the defense of the area against the danger from the north, but that they may see a change in the atmosphere of Turkey's association with Israel. They hoped that Turkey would cease being "partial" to Israel. He said that the Iraq government's problem was that of carrying its people with it in pro-Western moves such as the arms aid program and regional defense. He asked that initial shipment of US military equipment arrive in Iraq at the earliest practicable date in quantities which his countrymen would view as impressive and which they might readily identify as a U.S. contribution.

Dr. Jamali said he wished to bring to the Secretary's attention the movement for confederation of Iraq, Syria and Jordan, ³ a

¹ Prepared on July 15.

² For documentation on the arms agreement, see Documents 1376 ff.

³ For additional documentation on this topic, see Documents 381 ff.