

tary rather than mutually exclusive. Nuri incidentally told British he was planning approach Turkey, Pakistan and Syria, not Turkey, Pakistan and Iran as indicated Department reference telegram, although he evidently had Iran in mind also. British are awaiting results Nuri's visit Turkey before developing their own views further.

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SECRET

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441. In conversation with Prime Minister yesterday he said Nuri Said's visit to Istanbul prolonged several days because conversations difficult and Turks found it hard going move Nuri away from negative thinking.<sup>2</sup> On arrival, Nuri inquired of Menderes what he wanted. Menderes replied to effect Turks would like know how Nuri and his government faced political, economical and social problems of the area as applied to Iraq and what was his solution. To this Nuri returned that Iraqis feared Russians less and hated Israelis more. Their primary preoccupation was to find friends who would help them meet threat of Jewish expansion.

With this in view, Nuri proposed negotiate agreement with Pakistan rather than Turkey, also similar arrangements with Syria. He said that Turks had less preoccupation with problem of Israel than Arab states because territories not contiguous to Israel, and that Pakistan in his opinion would be more willing identify itself with Arab concept Middle East defense, which includes primarily containment of Jews. Menderes felt only way approach this situation constructively was for Nuri present written *procès verbal* setting forth Iraq estimate of Middle East problem and ideas for a solution, while Turks on their part prepared *procès verbal* setting forth Turk attitudes and thinking. When this had been done (Prime Minister said Nuri's paper was very short) they then proceeded in frankest manner to narrow field of disagreement and initial points on which there was common understanding. Result of week's conversation was undertaking on part of Nuri Said to accept Turco-Iraqis agree-

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London, Cairo, Paris, Karachi, Bagdad, Tehran, Damascus, Jidda, Beirut, Amman, and Tel Aviv.

<sup>2</sup> Despatch 196 from Ankara, Oct. 27, 1954, transmitted the texts in translation of documents covering the discussions between Turkish officials and Nuri Said during the latter's visit to Turkey from Oct. 9 to 18. (780.5/10-2754)