

hope of getting some more definite commitment from US and Britain. We had to break off our inconclusive talk as Nuri was due in Parliament and had already run thirty minutes beyond the time he was to appear there.

We agreed to have another talk on the question of defense immediately after the Menderes visit. Nuri said he would then go over in detail with me his exchanges with Menderes.

I would appreciate receiving from the Department before the close of those talks any observations the Department may feel might well be made by me on that occasion.²

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732. 1. Department approves views Embassy Baghdad presented in discussions with Nuri (Baghdad's 381 to Department).² While not greatly encouraged by Nuri's remarks we desire move ahead with Northern Tier arrangement. Although we believe would be counter-productive now attempt press Nuri take action Embassy Baghdad should use every suitable opportunity discreetly encourage and foster earliest Iraqi association with Pact or conclusion bilateral arrangements with either party.

2. In connection Nuri-Menderes talks Embassy Baghdad may, if suitable opportunity offers, express Department's view that generally US found Middle Eastern governments unresponsive MEDO in which Western governments sought take lead in helping plan area defenses. Believe essential if area defenses are to be effective and meaningful there should be genuine indigenous effort on part of Middle Eastern countries create basis for their defense. While Turkey-Pakistan Pact loose arrangement limited in nature its provision for military arrangements to consult and plan against possible unprovoked attack from outside, or similar provisions, would in fact create precisely kind of basis from which full fledged regional

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² Supra.