

If Iraqis willing accept this language, Ambassador authorized propose concessions on details set forth in Deptel 586,² which we believe should meet remaining points outstanding.

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631. Yesterday I told Nuri Pasha that it was my understanding that the Turks sometime ago had issued a clear invitation for Iraq to associate itself with the Turkish-Pakistani pact and that it was now Iraq's move. As concerns his suggestions as made to me following his return from Pakistan, I told him that I had reported these to Washington and that it was the general feeling that such was a matter for the Iraqis to work out with Pakistanis and Turks. He replied that he would talk some more to Pakistanis and suggest that they inform our Ambassador of developments. He inquired if our Ambassador in Karachi would have the authority to "approve" what might be agreed upon between the Iraqis and Pakistanis. I told him that I felt that our Ambassador would be pleased to be informed of all developments, but, unless his instructions were very different from mine, his first action would be to report to Washington.

Nuri said that immediately after he had told me of his recent trip (mytel 590, April 5²) he had written a report for the Prime Minister. A copy of this report he had sent to King Saud and he had just received a letter from King Saud commenting upon it. The second copy he had given the Turk Ambassador yesterday, and after translating Ambassador was sending it to Ankara. He said that he still hoped to go to Ankara but at the present time he had nothing to say beyond that said in his report as given to me, King Saud and the Turk Ambassador, and so was not planning a trip until sometime next month.

¹ Repeated to Karachi, Ankara, and Jidda.

² Document 202. Despatch 749 from Baghdad, Apr. 27, enclosed a translation of the formal report Nuri Said submitted to Prime Minister Jamali on his return from his trip to Pakistan and India. (780.5/4-2754)