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276. Prime Minister has given Embassy copy of summarized minutes of recent discussions held with Menderes and staff in Ankara.<sup>2</sup> Although full translation being despatched, substance of report follows.

Nuri expressed his basic position by stating Iraqi security tied to that of Turkey and Iran. He had always emphasized to Arab League States necessity of cooperation with Turkey. Egyptian Government's acceptance of thesis that an attack on Turkey would be reason invoke reoccupation clauses of Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement indicative that Egypt too desires closer ties with Turkey. He had personally made it clear to Egypt that great harm might be done to Iraq should any delay occur in realizing cooperation with Turkey, and believed Iran and Syria should likewise participate soonest. Such action would catalyze other Arab States to follow suit. Process of effecting such cooperation would be facilitated if Turkey seized every opportunity to demonstrate its sincere feelings towards Arabs.

Menderes reportedly expressed his satisfaction over Nuri's remarks and stated Turkey determined show its friendship for Arab States. Any past shortcomings on this score regrettable and caused only by its failure understand fully reaction which certain acts might produce in Arab States if he himself had responded at once to Jamal Abdul Nasser's recent "positive" statements re Turkey. Turkish objective is to insure defense of area comprising Turkey and Arab States and consolidate Turko-Arab cooperation, which is in accord with Turkish-Pakistan pact. Such cooperation, he opined, would enhance possibility US and UK aid to area.

After foregoing exchange of basic positions, Nuri and Menderes reached agreement on following:

1. Security of Turkey and Iraq hinges upon establishment of cooperation with their neighbors. Best means realize this is for Arab States join with Iran and Pakistan. Iraq and Turkey should consult on all attempts they may make to attain said objective and take all measures to this end jointly.

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

<sup>2</sup> Despatch 191 from Baghdad, Nov. 2, transmitted the text of the summarized minutes under reference here. (780.5/11-254)