

taken by Iraq, I was sure the broader clarification he spoke of would follow in due course. It was hard for him, Nuri then went on to say, in view of Egypt's stand for example, to sign an agreement with Turkey now unless joined by the US and UK. Until the internal situation in Egypt, and for that matter in Syria too, became more stable, it was difficult for him to deal with those countries. In Iran too, a more settled situation had first to evolve. Obviously Nuri, probably in the face of Egyptian pressure, is stalling in the 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.

GALLMAN

No. 1427

780.5/12-3154: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Turkey*¹

SECRET

WASHINGTON, December 31, 1954—5:32 p. m.

732. 1. Department approves views Embassy Baghdad presented in discussions with Nuri Baghdad's 381² to Department. While not greatly encouraged by Nuri's remarks we desire move ahead with Northern Tier arrangement. Although we believe would be counterproductive now attempt press Nuri take action Embassy Baghdad should use every suitable opportunity discreetly encourage and foster earliest Iraqi association with Pact or conclusion bi-lateral 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

¹ Drafted by Fritzlan and cleared by NE, GTI, Defense, and paragraph 4 in substance by UNP. Sent as telegram 373 to Baghdad and 993 to Cairo; and repeated to London, Karachi, Tehran, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Jidda, and Tel Aviv.

² *Supra*.