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Fol is proposed message from Pres to Pres of Turkey on assumption NATO Council acts favorably on admission Greece and Turkey to NATO as it is expected to do today or tomorrow. This message has been approved by the Secy, Gen Bradley, and Secy Pace. It shld be cleared with Secy Lovett prior to submission to Pres. Any comment by Embassies London, Paris, Ankara and Athens requested as matter of urgency. It is suggested Dept draft parallel tel to Prime Min, Greece, eliminating para 6 which includes reference to ME command and making other suitable rephrasing. It is hoped that approval of Pres can be obtained and tel held to be sent out immed after receipt of word from Ottawa that the Pres of the Council has formally notified Greece and Turkey of Council action. Message has been shown to both Brit and Fr. Brit are sending parallel message from Morrison to Turk FONMIN, probably to be followed by message from Attlee to Turk Pres. French plan no (rpt no) such high-level approach. UK plans send Slim to accompany Bradley. Fr will probably name corresponding representative. We must also in some way inform other NATO countries of dispatch of high-level mil reps before message goes. We are considering how best to do this and will advise when accomplished. These messages have been drafted in light of Ankara's 261 and 262 to the Dept, rptd Ottawa, which were most helpful.

"I wish to convey to you my deep personal gratification, as well as that of my govt, at the decision of the NAT Council Mtg in Ottawa that, subject to ratification by their govts, they wld extend to Turkey an invitation to become a full member of the NATO. I am sure that you have by this time received from the Pres of the Council a formal notification of this action.

"I am particularly pleased with this decision because I know that it represents the fulfillment of a deep desire on the

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part of the Turkish Govt and Turkish people, and a recognition of the valiant efforts Turkey has made, in the post war period, to maintain her independence and integrity in the face of persistent threats and pressures. We have, as you know, long had the desire that Turkey be invited to accede to the NAT. We have had the firm conviction that Turkey can contribute greatly to the objectives of the treaty, which represents a milestone in the efforts of the Atlantic community to create a security system to protect their independence and their common ideals.

"Turkey will, I feel sure, benefit greatly from her membership in the Treaty Organization. As a signatory of the Treaty, Turkey will have the same rights and, of course, will assume the same responsibilities as other members. We are glad that the excellent cooperation between your country and ours, which has enabled us, since 1947, to assist in the building up of Turkey's econ and mil strength, can now be fitted into the larger framework of the NAT.

"It will take some time to meet the constitutional requirement for parliamentary ratification by the various govts, including our own, of the action taken by the Council before a formal invitation can be extended. I hope however, that the time to achieve this can be reduced to a minimum.

"Turkey's accession to the Treaty Orgn will, of course, give rise to many practical problems with respect to participation in the Org and its various subsidiary bodies. Although no (rpt no) formal arrangements can be made until Turkey accedes to the treaty, I believe it would be desirable at an early date to have conversations of a purely preliminary nature between your govt and reps of some of the members of the NAT.

"There is, in addition, another very important question which it might be well to discuss in the same way. As we have advised you informally, preliminary discussions have been held between the US, UK and France with respect to the setting up of a ME command, which wld make it possible to organize, through a cooperative effort, the mil defense of that area as a whole. In the light of the important role Turkey has in the defense of the ME, we hope Turkey will participate as a founding member of such a command.

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"If it wld be agreeable to Your Excellency, I wld be glad to send to Turkey as US rep for these talks our highest mil rep, Gen Omar Bradley, chairman of our JCS, who, perhaps accompanied by high Brit and Fr mil reps, cld discuss these matters with you.

"I wish to assure you once again of our pleasure at the prospect of welcoming Turkey into full membership in the NATO to which we attach such great significance. We look forward to working with Turkey in this org to help build the bastions of the free world against the Commie menace which Turkey knows so well."

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