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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Turkish Aid

M.G. *JRF*

Congressman Thomas E. (Doc) Morgan, Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, hosted a strategy session in his office late this afternoon on Turkish Aid also attended by Congressmen Broomfield, Hamilton, Whalen, Fascell and Zablocki.

Ambassador Sisco and Ambassador Macomber and other State Department personnel also attended.

Chairman Morgan and Broomfield, who both will be attending the Turkish Aid breakfast tomorrow morning, have agreed to hold hearings Thursday, July 10, in both the morning and afternoon, and are seeking to mark up the bill and report it out favorably on Friday, July 11.

They will seek to move the bill to the floor early next week if at all possible.

Chairman Morgan and Broomfield seem to be uniting behind a bill drafted essentially by Broomfield and Zablocki which would remove the suspension with respect to defense articles and services for which Turkey has already signed contracts (see attachments); to remove the embargo on commercial sales to Turkey, and to remove the suspension on military sales, credits and guaranties for items which Turkey needs to fulfill her role in NATO. In addition the bill provides for reports to Congress, urges the President to start discussions with Greece about her economic and military needs, and makes clear that no grant military aid would go to Turkey.

Congressman Hamilton pinpointed the need for the President and Secretary Kissinger to address at the breakfast tomorrow the issues of the legality involved in the Turkish use of U.S. arms for aggression, and the poppy question.

State Department personnel are covering these points in the briefing paper for your talking points.

We will have Doc Morgan and Bill Broomfield seated next to you at the breakfast and both seem willing to make supportive statements for your position following tomorrow's meeting.

I think it would also be extremely helpful if you called on them during the meeting and also Clem Zablocki who has been extremely helpful.

If you single anyone else it should be Dante Fascell and Chuck Whalen.

Chairman Morgan and Broomfield thought it would be helpful if you could also single out the bill drafted by Zablocki, Fascell and Hamilton as an acceptable compromise. They indicated they would introduce this bill immediately after your meeting tomorrow, seeking as many co-sponsors as possible.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Jack Marsh
Ron Nessen

General Scowcroft
Secretary Kissinger



Committee on International Relations

7/8/75

DRAFT PREPARED BY STAFF ON BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH

REP ZABLOCKI
REP FASCELL
REP HAMILTON

IT POINTS UP --

- * U.S. INTEREST IN REMAINING ON GOOD TERMS WITH OUR ALLIES
- * IMPORTANCE OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO N.A.T.O.
- * CONCERN OVER REFUGEES AND U.S. WILLINGNESS TO HELP WITH RELIEF AID UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION

IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT PENDING ACTION BY CONGRESS ON F.Y. 1976 FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS, PRESIDENT WOULD BE AUTHORIZED --

- * TO REMOVE THE SUSPENSION WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES FOR WHICH TURKEY HAS ALREADY SIGNED CONTRACTS:

THIS INVOLVES \$184.5 MILLION: ABOUT \$104 MILLION IN F-4 PLANES, AND \$80 MILLION IN OTHER SUPPLIES

- * SECOND, TO REMOVE THE EMBARGO ON COMMERCIAL SALES TO TURKEY. TODAY, TURKEY IS THE ONLY WESTERN COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT ALLOWED TO BUY COMMERCIAL MILITARY HARDWARE FROM THE U.S. -- AND NEITHER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT NOR THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT CALLED FOR THIS EMBARGO.
- * THIRD, TO REMOVE THE SUSPENSION ON MILITARY SALES, CREDITS AND GUARANTIES FOR ITEMS WHICH TURKEY NEEDS TO FULFILL HER ROLE IN N.A.T.O.

ANY ONE OF THESE THREE PROVISIONS COULD BE CHANGED OR DROPPED.

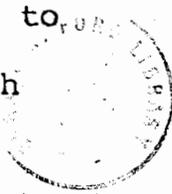
IN ADDITION, THE BILL PROVIDES FOR REPORTS TO CONGRESS -- URGES THE PRESIDENT TO START DISCUSSIONS WITH GREECE ABOUT HER ECONOMIC AND MILITARY NEEDS -- AND MAKES CLEAR THAT NO GRANT MILITARY AID WOULD GO TO TURKEY.

A BILL

To authorize a lifting of the embargo on the delivery of defense articles to Turkey and otherwise strengthen the North Atlantic Alliance, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and the House
2 of Representatives of the United States of
3 America in Congress assembled, That the
4 Congress reaffirms the policy of the United
5 States to seek to improve and harmonize rela-
6 tions among the allies of the United States
7 and between the United States and its allies,
8 in the interest of mutual defense and national
9 security. In particular, the Congress recognizes
10 the special contribution to the North Atlantic
11 Alliance of Greece and Turkey by virtue of their
12 geographic position on the southeastern flank of
13 Europe and is prepared to assist in the moderni-
14 zation and strengthening of their respective
15 armed forces.

16 The Congress further reaffirms the policy of
17 the United States to alleviate the suffering of
18 refugees and other victims of armed conflict and
19 to foster and promote international efforts to
20 ameliorate the conditions which prevent such



1 persons from resuming normal and productive
2 lives. The Congress, therefore, calls upon the
3 President to encourage and to cooperate in the
4 implementation of multilateral programs, under
5 the auspices of the Secretary General of the
6 United Nations, the United Nations High Com-
7 missioner for Refugees or other appropriate
8 international agencies, for the relief of and
9 assistance to refugees and other persons dis-
10 advantaged by the hostilities on Cyprus.

11 SEC. 2. (a) In order that the purposes
12 of this Act may be carried out without awaiting
13 the enactment of foreign assistance legislation
14 for fiscal year 1976 programs --

15 (1) The President is authorized, notwith-
16 standing any other provision of law, to
17 furnish to the Government of Turkey those
18 defense articles and defense services
19 contracted for under section 21 or section
20 22 of the Foreign Military Sales Act on or
21 before February 5, 1975, and to issue
22 licenses for the transportation to the
23 Government of Turkey of arms, ammunition
24 and implements of war (including technical



1 data relating thereto); and

2 (2) The President is requested to initiate
3 discussions with the Government of Greece
4 to determine the most urgent needs of
5 Greece for economic and military assistance.

6 (b) The President is directed to submit to
7 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
8 to the Foreign Relations and Appropriations Com-
9 mittees of the Senate within sixty days after
10 the enactment of this Act, a report on discus-
11 sions conducted under subsection (a) (2), together
12 with his recommendations for economic and mili-
13 tary assistance to Greece for the fiscal year
14 1976.

15 SEC. 3. (a) Section 620(x) of the Foreign
16 Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by striking out
17 all after the word "Provided," and inserting in
18 lieu thereof the following:

19 "That the President is authorized to suspend
20 the provisions of this section and such Acts only
21 with respect to sales, credits and guaranties
22 under the Foreign Military Sales Act, as amended,
23 for the procurement of/^{such} defense articles and defense
24 services as the President determines and certifies



1 to the Congress are necessary in order to
2 enable Turkey to fulfill her defense responsi-
3 bilities as a member of the North Atlantic
4 Treaty Organization. Any such suspension shall
5 be effective only while Turkey shall observe
6 the ceasefire and shall neither increase its
7 forces on Cyprus nor transfer to Cyprus any
8 United States supplied implements of war."

9 (b) Section 620(x) of the Foreign Assist-
10 ance Act of 1961 is further amended by designating
11 the present subsection as paragraph (1) and by
12 adding at the end thereof the following new
13 paragraph:

14 "(2) The President shall submit to the
15 Congress within sixty days after the enactment
16 of this paragraph, and at the end of each
17 succeeding sixty day period, a report on
18 progress made during such period toward the
19 conclusion of a negotiated solution of the
20 Cyprus conflict."

21 (c) Nothing in this ^{section} ~~Act~~ shall be construed
22 as authorizing (1) military assistance to Turkey
23 under chapter 2 of part II of the Foreign Assist-
24 ance Act of 1961, or (2) sales, credits or



1 guaranties to or on behalf of Turkey under the
2 Foreign Military Sales Act for the procurement
3 of defense articles or defense services not
4 determined by the President to be needed for
5 the fulfillment of Turkey's NATO responsi-
6 bilities.

