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Rangel has asked that the Administration agree to take some steps on the anti-narcotics front, demonstrating high concern with the drug problem.

Illustrations of steps on the domestic side Rangel has in mind are:

- a. A strong Presidential public affirmation of importance he attaches to war on illicit narcotics.
- b. A special Presidential message to the Congress urging action on domestic enabling legislation for the international convention to control psychotropic drugs.
- c. Presidential backing of legislation to establish minimum sentences for non-addict drug pushers.
- d. Appointment of Special Assistant in White House to keep President up-to-date on drug scene.
- e. Strong support for Drug Enforcement Administration budget request.

Illustration of suggested steps on the international side are:

- a. Persuade Turkish Prime Minister, Demirel, to make a public statement on the closing of this year's poppy harvests (which is soon), describing and reaffirming strict control measures and inviting interested foreign governments and international organizations to view them.
- b. Persuade Prime Minister Demirel to establish within the GOT a high level centralized agency which could control all steps and processes involved in poppy production and controls.
- c. Persuade Government of Turkey to call an international conference of concerned nations in Europe to discuss illicit traffic control, inviting their representatives to see the Turkey controls.

The telegram would recommend for the President's meeting with Demirel tomorrow. Discussion points:

- 1. That we are aware of and very encouraged by the steps
  Turkey has taken to control the new crop.
- 2. That it would be strongly welcomed if the Turkish Prime Minister would, echoing the statement made by former Prime Minister Ecevit, publicly assuring the world that Turkey is determined that its poppy production not bring harm to other societies.
- 3. We would likewise welcome the establishment of a highlevel unit in the Turkish Government to control and coordinate all aspects of the poppy cultivation which will assure adequate controls over the years.

FYI; We understand that the establishment of such a high-level centralized unit has been under consideration in the Turkish Government. We also know that the United Nations experts who have advised and assisted Turkey in its control effort this year have also formally suggested this to the GOT.

Lastly, ask the President to send a Dear Charlie telegram to Rangel. Text as follows:

#### Dear Charlie:

I have been informed of the hearings last Monday before the House Subcommittee on Future Foreign Policy Research and Development and of your contribution and suggestions to forward our strong mutual interest in control of illicit drug traffic and use. We are continually searching for ways to improve the effectiveness of our attack on this problem which is prime importance. On September 1, I will receive the report of a Special White House Drug Review Task Force in which I have asked for proposals for additional action, including action both by the Executive and Legislative Branches, so that we may deal more effectively with both the supply and the demand side of the problem. I look forward to sharing the results of the Task Force effort with you.

We can never forget what the flow of Turkish based heroin, coming through the French Connection, meant to us in earlier years. During my meeting with Prime Minister Demirel, I will discuss with him our concerns and hear from him about the steps that his government is taking to follow through on its promise that its renewed poppy production will be controlled so as not to bring harm to other societies. I will encourage him to continue to consider suggestions from all interested nations in the concerned world community on this matter.

I look forward to being in touch with you soon after I return. In the meantime, as you know, I am vitally concerned, as a matter of clear national interest, that my proposals for lifting the embargo on arms to Turkey be accepted by the Congress. I hope that you will help in this matter and will be grateful for your assistance there.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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JACK MARSHALL

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Senator Mansfield called up the Turkey matter but because of the parlimentary situation, had to move by unanimous consent.

Agreement was reached to consider the measure at 2:00 Thursday in the Senate. However, Senator Harry Byrd at the last moment made a reservation which precludes consideration unless he can offer an amendment on the Panama Canal.

I called Harry and urged him to withdraw his reservation and he told me he would consider my request but wanted to think it over. I have also asked several other Members of the Senate to speak with him personally.

In light of this, as of this time, we still have no assurance this will come up in the Senate Thursday.

NOTE: Subsequent to the preparation of this memorandum, I received a call from Senator Humphrey and they have an agreement from Harry Byrd that he will not offer his Pamana Amendment to the Broadcasters Bill to which we have attached Turkey unless our Turkey Amendment is defeated.

It appears we now have a tentative go-ahead for tomorrow in the Senate.

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We have suddenly encountered unexpected difficulties in consideration of the Turkey measure today in the Senate. At least three Senators object to its consideration today and they indicate if Mansfield brings it up, they will filibuster.

One of these is Senator Eagleton, who will agree to its consideration tomorrow, Thursday, but will not agree to consideration today. At present those supporting him in his objection are expected to be Senators Jackson, Stevenson and possibly Humphrey.

Max and I have personally talked with Mike Mansfield and he plans to go forward, but is anticipating difficulties if he does. I have advised him that we wish he would proceed rather than not bring the bill up.

To delay until tomorrow poses other serious problems in both the Senate and the House. Other legislation is already scheduled for Thursday in the Senate and Mike expects some problems in trying to reconsider tomorrow. On the House side, there is a problem with the Rules Committee in getting favorable Rules Committee action in time for consideration on the Floor Friday.

Our vote count in the Senate looks favorable, but Leadership on both sides are very concerned about the problems I have mentioned.

We have talked personally with a number of the objectors, but so far without success. We will be sending you another communication to keep you advised of the situation here.

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FROM:

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Jack, in my conversation with Dr. Fred C. Ikle, Director, U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, I discussed the "approximate" situation concerning John Newhouse.

Dr. Ikle took the opportunity to also offer his support in the event we become faced with another Turkish military assistance vote. In his work at ACDA, he has had occasion to work very closely with a number of Members of the House and, he believes, he could be of material assistance in "changing several votes." Being aware of the prohibition against lobbying, I made a mental note of his offer and made no commitment.

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# New Try to Be Made on Turkish Arms

By Murrey Marder
Washington Post Staff Writer

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consideration by Rules because of lelay that developed in Senate. This is first item of business for MAX and me Thursday. Some Senate supporters are reluctant to proceed unless the House will consider.

Broomfield has inquired of Max if there was a desire by the Boluinghation to go forward, or pull down the bill. We are advising our last advice in to proceed.

Other motters of interest

in event you are unaware

include following:

1. N. H. Sanate sent back by Senate to N. H. for special election.

2. Pay adjustment amendament carried in House 214-213.

We will be working Turkey matter closely both Houses and will advise any developments,

Regards to all,

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THE PRESIDENT

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DICK CHENEY

FROM:

JACK MARSH

SUBJECT:

Turkey Vote

Senator Mansfield requested a short meeting a while ago in his office to discuss the Turkey bill. Attending were: Hugh Scott, Bob Griffin, Bob Byrd, Bill Kendall, Max Friedersdorf, Jack Marsh, Bill Hillenbrand, and Francis Valeo.

Mike is deeply concerned about the Turkey vote and the situation whereby Harry Byrd can bring up a Sense of the Senate Resolution on Panama. Mike points out under the agreement reached last night with Byrd the resolution is a separate issue. Nevertheless he has an agreement with Harry which permits consideration of his Resolution on Panama if Mike calls off the Turkey vote.

Mike is concerned about the status of the vote on Turkey in both the House and the Senate. He asked that I write down and present to you the following:

- 1. Can the President stand a defeat on this measure in the Senate?
- 2. Can you stand a defeat on the Byrd sense of the Senate Resolution?
- 3. If the Byrd Resolution should carry, can you stand possible texterruptions in Panama and perhaps other parts of Latin America? He points out that the Byrd Resolution is similar in intent to the Snyder Resolution adopted by the House.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

JACK MARSH

SUBJECT:

Turkey Vote

Senator Mansfield requested a short meeting a while ago in his office to discuss the Turkey bill. Attending were: Hugh Scott, Bob Griffin, Bob Byrd, Bill Kendall, Max Friedersdorf, Jack Marsh, Bill Hillenbrand, and Francis Valeo.

Mike is deeply concerned about the Turkey vote and the situation whereby Harry Byrd can bring up a Sense of the Senate Resolution on Panama. Mike points out under the agreement reached last night with Byrd the resolution is a separate issue. Nevertheless he has an agreement with Harry which permits consideration of his Resolution on Panama if Mike calls the Turkey vote.

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Q Mr. Secretary, along those lines, some of your Congressional critics in Mashington, specifically Congression Brademas, raised schequestions as to why President Ford hasn't offered to waive \$50 million in foreign Weapons sales purchased under the Foreign Assistance Act in 1961. Was that discussed today at all, the possibility of --.

A First of all, we have to be clear what it is that Congressman Brademas and Congressman have proposed to us. What they have proposed to us is that

Turkey makes some concessions first. After Turkey has made some concessions, they would hold still for the President to waive up to \$50 million of grant-aid.

It is a subject that was discussed at some length this morning between the President and Prime Minister

Demirel, as it had been discussed in March between myself and Prime Minister Demirel -- and at that time the ten

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister; and as it was discussed on the visit of Assistant Secretary Martman in May, and as it was discussed on the occasion of my visit in May.

In other words, the proposal to valve \$50 million in grants-aid has been put repeatedly to Turkey. The Turkish position has been that they do not want a gift of United States aid. Their objection is to the embargo of an ally with respect to purchases that Turkey had already made, and with respect to the Turkish ability to buy American equipment for each or credit.

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The President made an eloquent presentation of his authority in this, and he received the answer that we have received on four previous occasions. And it is absolutely incorrect to say that the United States has not attempted to use this possibility.

Q Mr. Secreary, was the President's offer to waive the \$50 million in exchange for returning control to the United States of the American bases?

A The President offered this as a possibility in order to solve the problem that is posed by the bases and it was not accepted.

Q Mr. Secretary, is there any particular impression of the significance of Mr. Brezhnev's speech?

A' We have not had an opportunity to analyze the various terminology, so our reaction is a relatively off-the-cuff reaction based on brief exchanges.

We thought that on the whole it was a moderate speech, and on the whole it was a conciliatory speech, which does not mean that we agreed with every paragraph in it.

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**By Eric Bourne**Special correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

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