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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: Legislation to Lift or Modify Turkish Aid Cut-Off

(S) There are at present three pieces of proposed or possible legislation designed to alleviate the ban on aid to Turkey:

1. An original bill prepared by State that would effect a complete repeal of the aid ban. This reflects Secretary Kissinger's belief that Turkey would not settle now for half a loaf. The White House is trying to mount an offensive in the Senate, built around Senators Case, Griffin and we believe McClellan, with a view to getting this bill introduced in the most effective way. We have not yet seen the bill. Fred Hitz is attempting to get a copy. Mr. Forman points out that if the bill simply effects a repeal of now section 620(x) and the CRA, it will not achieve the desired result, because there remains the issue of Turkish non-compliance with the basic provisions of the FAA and the Sales Act.

2. Congressman Findley's bill to authorize an emergency NATO contingency fund of \$100 million, to strengthen the military capabilities of NATO members (Tab A). State has considered this bill and perceives some difficulties, including prospects for passage. Technically, the bill would not appear to solve the spare parts of munitions control problems, which normally involve cash sales.

3. Two drafts prepared by the OSD General Counsel's office, each designed to permit sale of spare parts for equipment of US origin and to relax the ban on munitions control licenses so that US contractors could continue to bid on NATO infrastructure funded projects in Turkey (Tab B).

(S) The NSC Legislative Liaison office (Les Janka) has told Fred Hitz that we are to "stand down" on legislative initiatives until the White House has explored the possibilities of a comprehensive repeal per paragraph 1 above. If this effort should founder, we believe either of the other alternatives - and probably both - should be supported, perhaps by planned high-level DOD contacts with key sympathetic legislators.

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(State considers that it should avoid being identified with any such legislation because of Secretary Kissinger's problem with the Congress). In the meantime, I believe we can contribute most to the overall objective by continuing to provide the Hill, on request, with factual information about Turkish reactions to date and the impact the cut-off will have on Turkish and NATO defense capabilities.


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