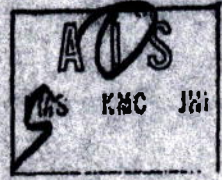


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Dear Bill:

You will have seen Embassy Ankara's telegram 2090, reporting Bill Macomber's discouraging March 17 discussion with the Turkish Government on the package designed to supplement our basic assistance offer (grants/credits/loan guaranties) in the negotiation of a new defense cooperation agreement. Bill followed that telegram with a telephone call, in which he repeated his view that unless we can come up with some substantial additions, there will be little hope of getting the Turkish Foreign Minister to conclude negotiations on the new agreement when he is here next week.

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While greatly appreciating all that DOD have already done, I would urge that you urgently take another serious look at the offer: (1) we can make more attractive those items which we have already presented, and (2) we can identify new items or types of assistance to suggest to the Turks.

In the first category, I wonder whether there might be available other cross naval vessels beyond the two submarines and a destroyer which DOD has previously mentioned. It has also occurred to me that the U.S. offer could be enhanced by making these items, as well as the T-38 aircraft we now propose to lease at low cost, available to the Turks at no cost. I think that, given prevailing legislation, this probably could only be accomplished by writing this assistance offer into the

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The Honorable
William P. Clements, Jr.,
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negotiated agreement itself, which we shall subsequently ask Congress to endorse.



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As regards my second category above, I would urge only that the subject of additional items be looked at freshly and imaginatively. The only specific suggestions I have are that we investigate again whether something in the co-production area might be more appealing than appeared likely when we considered it a few weeks ago, and whether there might be in U.S. inventories limited numbers of such aircraft as F-105 and F-104's, which the Turkish Air Force has recently queried us about as replacements for some of their attrition losses. I hope you and your staff will be able to come up with other promising ideas.

Sincerely,

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