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SUBJECT: Probable Embarkation of Turkish Troops (S)

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1. (S) Turkish troops in staging areas between Mersin and Silifke have probably embarked on landing craft. There is however, a possibility of the troops moving south to Silifke after the embarkation of their heavy equipment.

2. (S) ships remain in Mersin harbor, including landing craft, no troops in staging areas between Mersin and Silifke. The Turkish Navy flag officers were in the dock area of Mersin earlier today and may have gone aboard. The landing craft arrived in Mersin with the tide. These may be the same ships the Erdemli area earlier this morning.

3. (S) estimated to be a regimental sized bivouac near Erdemli this morning. These troops were in combat gear. At the time, no landing craft had troops aboard, but there is a better than even chance that at least this regiment-sized

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unit has since embarked.

4. (S) [redacted] Haze prevented a US Mission aircraft [redacted] the offshore areas along the coast, thus it cannot be ascertained that the force is underway. Should they depart however, the ships are estimated to be 11 hours steaming time from Kyrenia, the nearest likely invasion point on Cyprus, and 14 hours away from Morphou Bay, the furthest likely invasion port.

5. (S) [redacted] The US Mission also reports that 3 C-47 aircraft with 70 airborne troops aboard have arrived at Incirlik Air Base. This could presage planned airborne as well as seaborne assault should the decision to act be made.

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