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**Department of State Telegram 808 to the American
Embassy Ankara**

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Summary:

Following up on earlier ideas about direct talks with Turkish officials, General Robert Wood, the director of Military Assistance Programs at the Department of Defense, would be visiting Turkey for talks. This State Department message notes that in light of proposed overall cuts of foreign aid, projected military aid to Turkey would total \$120 million, and U.S. officials would emphasize Washington's "continuing long term interest" in Turkey's military capabilities. Issues for Hare's consideration include the "adequacy" of the proposed approach and what needed to be done to bolster Turkish "confidence and morale" and to prevent any "stalling" on the Jupiters.

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1. It is now planned tentatively for General Wood to discuss force modernization with MOD Sancar along following lines:

- (a) Discuss quantities and deliveries FY 63 MAP items.
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- (b) ~~XXXXXX~~ quantities and types equipment now programmed for FY 64 MAP, including inter alia such items as, Army: 2020 vehicles, 180 SS 11 missiles, 79 APC's, 47 M-48 tanks; Navy: one PC, one DD (activated), 3 MSI's, 4 PT's; Air Force: 21 F5A's, 2 C-130's. (No dollar figures to be disclosed to GOT.)
- (c) Inform GOT that MAP over next three years will contain such items as more vehicles, more tanks and APC's, VTR M-74's, army helicopters, more naval vessels (no quantities equipment or figures to be mentioned to GOT).
- (d) Assure GOT our continuing long term interest Turk military capacity our willingness hear Turk ideas as to direction modernization along with usual explanations and caveats re availability funds.

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2. As to program total for FY 1964 -- Report of Clay Committee and possible reduction aid appropriations by Congress may require us to consider attempting develop program within total \$120 million.
3. Wood mission may be postponed one week, pending decision here.
4. Reply OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE as to (a) adequacy above approach on modernization and any suggestions in terms maintenance confidence and morale GOT and in terms obviating possible GOT stalling on Jupiter dismantling, and (b) should Wood visit be delayed one week, whether and to what extent delay would affect prospects for successful discussion.

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