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**American Embassy Ankara Telegram 1030 to the
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Summary:

Hare delivered McNamara's response to Sancar's letter to Erkin, who found it "very good, very constructive." While reading it, Erkin observed that Sancar had been difficult, not for "reasons peculiar to him" but because there was a "general uneasiness" that "things may be happening which affect Turkey, but to which GOT is not privy." That perception had an impact on Sancar's "desire ... for physical [Turkish] presence on Polaris."

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Letter of Secretary Defense to MOD Sancar delivered this morning to Foreign Minister Erkin for transmission to Sancar, together with courtesy copy.

Erkin read carefully, noting in process that Sancar had been "very difficult" but that reason was not peculiar to him. Fact is, he said, that there is general "uneasiness" especially in Parliament, that things may be happening which affect Turkey but to which GOT not really privy. For instance he recently questioned in Parliament re Cuba and had been able reply that GOT had been kept generally advised re developing situation there and had been concurrently informed when USG decided necessary take action. This had seemed satisfy questioner but basic phenomenon persists and this explains Sancar's problem, including desire expressed by him for physical Turkey presence on Polaris.

Erkin then resumed reading, indicating agreement in several places and concluding with statement he found letter "very good, very constructive". Said he would have it delivered immediately.

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