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Dear Bill:

*See POLAD - Ankara*

Thank you for your letter of January 23. It was helpful to have further information about the status of construction of storage facilities at type "C" sites in Turkey.

We have confirmed with Defense the report in your letter that Colonel Sava has been designated by the Turkish authorities to receive Restricted Data under the 144-b Agreement with Turkey. While it is true that Sava's designation supplies the necessary channel for transmitting Restricted Data to Turkey, it appears that there may be further delays in transmitting such information. The problem lies in the fact that it has not yet been decided what kind of atomic capability should be given to the Turk Air Force. CINCEUR, who is seized with the problem since it involves the allocation of US nuclear weapons in NATO Europe, is still studying the matter. It appears from the information we have been able to garner in Defense that the Turks want an advanced atomic capability, to supply which would require extensive modification of their aircraft and involve some delay in view of the current supply of the weapons involved. CINCEUR is prepared to give Turkey a capability that would be compatible with existing Turkish aircraft. I guess it is essentially a matter of trying to balance resources available to CINCEUR with Turkish wishes.

From this distance we cannot predict when the CINCEUR and Turkish views will be harmonized. Dick Finn could probably enlighten you further, and I am therefore sending him a copy of this letter. Incidentally, if the Turks are prepared to take the capability CINCEUR is able to give them now there should be little delay on the US side in furnishing the required Restricted Data. If, however, the Turks insist on receiving the more advanced capability, further delays could result, since it would be necessary to write new technical orders and to secure the required statutory determinations.

In connection

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In connection with the foregoing you might find it useful to look at the letter I wrote to Lansing Collins on the same matter on June 24, 1960.

Sincerely yours,

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