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General Tunaboynu, Chief of the Turkish General

Staff, called on General Norstad in connection with his visit to SHAPE to attend the NATO Chiefs of Staff Meeting on September 18. The General requested General Norstad to arrange ~~for~~ ^{that} the delivery of all programmed U.S. equipment for Turkey which has not been delivered to date be expedited in view of the recent Syrian developments. General Tunaboynu specifically mentioned equipment which he alleged had been programmed as far back as 1947, and has ~~still not~~ ^{to be} yet ~~been~~ delivered.

General Norstad described at length the financial capital impact on both manpower and ~~material~~ equipment costs for ~~the maintenance of~~ NATO forces over the next five years. He pointed out to General Tunaboynu that even if the second echelon divisions ~~have been~~ ^{are} eliminated, great deficiencies will still remain. In order to meet these deficiencies in the most effective manner, it will require the best efforts of all the national and NATO staffs to work out ~~the~~ ^a costing and equipment plan. General Norstad stated he was sure that General Tunaboynu ~~will~~ agree that it is more important to have fully effective forces in existence than it is to have 15 or 20 percent larger forces, with the result that all the units would be below full effectiveness. General Norstad expressed his opinion that it will be possible for us to achieve our goals without a loss of effectiveness.

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General Tunaboylu stated that he was concerned about many situations. He then proceeded to propose a hypothetical situation in which Turkey was attacked from the south by Syria, from the northwest by Bulgaria, and ~~with~~ the USSR mobilizing substantial threatening forces on her northeastern ~~frontiers~~ ^{borders}. General Norstad replied that it would be clear that should such a situation occur, there was no question but that it would mean general war, and of course in the event of general war, NATO would immediately come into effect. ~~General Norstad then commented that if General Tunaboylu was worried about~~ ^{5 only reason} ~~losing sleep over~~ ^{was} the threat posed on his southern borders by the Syrians, General Norstad was convinced that General Tunaboylu would enjoy one of the longest, and most restful sleeps that he had ever experienced. [At this General Tunaboylu laughed. When General Norstad made the same point about the Bulgarians, General Tunaboylu laughed again.] ^{that it had been said} General Norstad then commented from the standpoint of NATO, that next to dumping obsolescent Soviet equipment in the ocean, the best thing that the Soviets could do was to give it to the Egyptians, and what went for the Egyptians could be said to be doubly true of the Syrians, ^{Tunaboylu} ~~obviously agreed!~~

On a completely personal basis, General Norstad stated that he merely wished to call to General Tunaboylu's attention,

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and pointed out that he was not engaging in criticism, the fact that the Turkish military ~~xxxxx~~ authorities had notified SACEUR of the recent Turkish military movements toward the Syrian frontier, after the fact. General Norstad pointed out that this was certainly contrary to the ~~concept~~^{spirit} of agreed NATO doctrine with regard to alterations in agreed NATO deployments. By acting in this manner, the Turks were placing themselves in a position where they would be liable ~~of~~ the accusation that they had not acted in accordance with agreed NATO procedures. General Norstad emphasized that this was something that must be watched in the future. General Tunaboylu appeared very much on the defensive when General Norstad raised this point, and General Norstad had the impression that Tunaboylu had not been aware that he had possibly acted in contravention of agreed NATO procedures.]

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General Norstad said that if he had had more ~~satis-~~^{direct}factory communications available to him, he would have immediately replied to the Turkish General Staff's ~~message~~^{message} concerning ~~very~~^{the} recent deployments, with a personal message to General Tunaboylu urging him to be absolutely certain that the conduct of Turkish forces on the Syrian border would be such as to give no grounds ~~whatsoever which could~~^{for an accusation that} ~~be termed~~^{provocative} ~~provocative~~^{manner}. General Tunaboylu replied that his forces were deployed quite a distance back from the Syrian border. General Norstad said that he believed the

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situation was one which called for ^{an} ~~the~~ appearance of quiet strength and determination.

General Tunaboynu raised several other more technical military problems, and re-emphasized the Turkish position that the defense of western Thrace and of the Straits is equally important.

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