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TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

May 22, 1952
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REF : Embassy telegram No. 1284, May 21, 1952 to Dept, repeated to London No. 153 and to Paris No. 159.

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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE OFFER TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON LOOTED GOLD AND GERMAN ASSETS

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Pursuant to the Embassy's telegram under reference there is enclosed a copy of the Ambassador's note No. 2250 of May 21, 1952 addressed to the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, and delivered on that date, in a further effort to reach a settlement with the Turkish Government on the question of looted gold and German external assets in Turkey.

As indicated in the Embassy's telegram No. 1284, the Chiefs of the British and French diplomatic missions at Ankara have also communicated in a similar sense with the Turkish Foreign Minister.

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 Copy of Note No. 2250,
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Enclosure #1 to
 Dispatch # 646
 from Ankara

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American Embassy,
 Ankara, May 21, 1952.

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No. 2250

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to proposals made heretofore by the Government of the United States, France and Great Britain with the intention of reaching settlement with the Turkish Government on the question of looted gold and German assets. The most recent of these proposals was set forth in an aide-memoire which my predecessor handed to you on April 4, 1951, on behalf of the three Governments named above.

My Government, in association with the Governments of France and Great Britain, has now instructed me to convey to your Excellency the following offer in the premises:

1. The Tripartite Governments offer to accept one million dollars in gold from the Turkish Government in full settlement of looted gold;
2. If the Turkish Government will agree to point one above, the Tripartite Governments would agree to relinquish their claim to German assets in Turkey and would take the necessary steps to the end that Turkey be removed from the schedule to Allied High Commission Law No. 63.
3. The Tripartite Governments would consider justified any action by Turkey to recompense itself out of German assets in Turkey for gold delivered to the Tripartite Governments in accordance with point one above.

I feel it my duty to observe that my Government has noted with concern the fact that the Turkish Government has not replied to the communication on this general subject which have been submitted to it on a number of occasions since 1947.

I feel confident, Excellency, that you will favor me with an early and favorable reply.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

George C. McGhee

His Excellency
 Fuad Köprülü,
 Minister of Foreign Affairs,
 Ankara.

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