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1. TURKEY. The Embassy in Ankara has received the impression that the Turks are becoming discouraged and increasingly perplexed by what seems to them an inexplicable indifference by the US toward Middle East defense. This discouragement arises mainly from the US "hands-off" attitude, on one hand, toward any extension of the Turco-Iraqi pact and, on the other hand, from lack of US efforts to "frustrate" the Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi pact. Puzzlement arises from the contrast between our present indifference to the "Northern Tier" concept and our previous fervent support. Turkish perplexity has obviously been enhanced by our recent initiative, on a military level, in inviting them to participate in the London tripartite staff talks on Middle East defense; the Embassy comments. Ambassador Warren comments that this trend of thinking in Turkey should be taken into account in reviewing and deciding future courses of action in the Middle East area. Ankara 1462, 21 May 55, S.

2. JAPAN-USSR. The Washington correspondent of the Japanese news agency (Kyodo) has been approached several times by an attache of the Soviet Embassy to discuss "international problems", according to the State Department. The correspondent has been led to believe by these discussions that the forthcoming Japanese-Soviet talks in London will be used as a propaganda vehicle to show that Japan is under US military domination and, therefore, unable to negotiate "normalization" of relations with the USSR and Communist China until US military forces are withdrawn. The correspondent comments that Soviet tactics apparently are to hold protracted discussions aimed not at a settlement, but at Japan's neutralization. Dept. to Tokyo 2404, 23 May 55, LOU.

3. ATOMIC ENERGY. An International Scientific Conference on Radiation Effects is scheduled to open in Tokyo on May 30, according to the Embassy in Tokyo. Representatives from ten countries will include delegates from the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Communist China, and East Germany. The purely scientific nature of the gathering has been emphasized in discussions with the Embassy but the Japanese press reports that sensational aspects of radiation sickness and the autopsy on the Japanese fisherman will be the primary subject matters. Two US citizens have been approached by the Japanese to attend but the Embassy advised against it because of the potential dangers of participating in such a conference. Tokyo 3010, 21 May 55, S.

4. YUGOSLAVIA. Ambassador Cannon in Athens reports that, according to the Yugoslav Military Attache: (1) The Soviets first tried to get Tito

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to go to Moscow; (2) In agreeing to the Belgrade talks, Tito insisted that questions of military affairs and "Communist doctrine" be excluded; (3) In fixing the date of the visit, the chief Soviet concern was that it be held before the Big Four meeting; and (4) It is Tito's present intention to make a visit to Vienna, Bonn, and Paris after the talks. Athens 2478, 21 May 55, S.

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