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I would respectfully invite your attention to immediately preceding EMBTEL 1062, replying specifically to questions on Wood mission but also generalizing a bit on basic implications of action at this time which would lend factual credence to lessening American interest in, and support of, Turkey as a strong and trusted ally. In so saying I recognize that major policy considerations may of necessity involve eventual adjustments in our support of Turkey but such action, if taken, should be preceded by careful preparation with view to assuring maximum understanding. As matters stand, it would be difficult to envisage situation where abrupt and negative action on our part could have more certainly foreseeable reaction detrimental not only to proper resolution of existing problems but also to our fundamental relationship with this country.

My importuning you in this way is only justified by the depth of my conviction.

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