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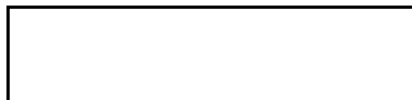
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1. In many important respects, NIE 33-56 has help up well. Its chief deficiency was its estimate of the prospects for stabilizing the Turkish economy. The government failed to take the necessary steps to put Turkey's economic and financial affairs in order, as the estimate indicated it was probably prepared to do. As a result, economic conditions deteriorated to a degree not foreseen in the estimate. The overestimate of the prospects for economic stabilization resulted in an underestimate of the degree of economic deterioration and accompanying popular discontent.

2. The estimate also failed to foresee the Menderes administrations' readiness to resort to repressive measures against the opposition--in great part a result of the government's increased vulnerability to opposition criticism of its economic policies.

3. The deterioration in Turkish-Greek relations as a result of the Cyprus controversy has been more serious than NIE 33-56 indicated it would be.

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