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TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.
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SUBJECT: Turk-German Relations

Mr. Michael N. F. Stewart, Counselor of the British Embassy in Ankara, recently told our Counselor for Political Affairs of a conversation with the German Ambassador, Mr. Oellers, in which the Ambassador had stated the basis for Germany's interest in Turkey and had described his own position in relation to the other German Ambassadors in the Middle East. He described Turkey as Germany's best friend in the Middle East and as by far the most important country in the area because of her special position vis-a-vis the Arab World. He stated that he was the senior German Ambassador in the Middle East, and, therefore, exercised jurisdiction over other German representatives as far east as Pakistan. Exercising his rights as supervisor, the Ambassador said, according to Mr. Stewart, that he was developing a certain amount of coordination of German policy in the entire Middle East area.

In the meantime, although the Embassy's despatch No. 753 of May 29, 1957 reported no press criticism of the lavish reception accorded Krupp on his recent visit, two editorials since that time have voiced misgivings. One was reported in Istanbul's despatch No. 363 under reference. Now, Y. K. Karasmanoglu, writing in ULUS on June 8, stated that Krupp was treated as only a head of state or a ruling king or sovereign should be treated under international law and the traditions of protocol. The writer states that the privileged treatment given Krupp is reminiscent of the Ottoman receptions for foreign merchants which led to the Capitulations.

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Summary:

In spite of scattered discordant notes in the Turkish press, the fact remains that Germany has long been and still is a favorite of Turkey, and Ambassador Chiller's aggressive move to discontinue of Germany's resolve to implement a Young Plan Mittel-Ostern.

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