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1. Following cable received from MA in Athens:
"Turks here state visa this type case authorized only by Turkish Foreign Office in Ankara. Do you care re MA Ankara press matter? If so suggest itinerary and 8-3001 include Ankara. Difficulty is subject's status category making any country hesitant accept responsibility."

2. On 13 September another cable was received from the MA, Greece, asking if we would vouch for individual there who is to travel to Ankara. After conversation Richardson-Schmure, this cable was answered, informing the MA in Greece that your informant there was fully vouched for by US Government.

3. In this connection reference is made to Minute 2 of IRS, Subject: Turkish Visa, dated 17 Sept 48, concerning Lectner, which was forwarded to you organization. As pointed out in reference IRS, overt steps taken by US governmental agencies to assist such individuals in entering Turkey completely compromise them before their arrival there. Since the individual now in Greece who is attempting to go to Turkey is allegedly stateless, is there any reason why he could not be given documents indicating that he is a German?

4. Reference the cable quoted in Paragraph 1 above, orders for Richardson and Eisner have been amended to authorize a visit to Ankara, Turkey, should you desire to press this matter.

5. The MA in Athens, Greece, has been advised that orders have been amended to authorize your representative to visit Ankara. He was also advised that Richardson would discuss the matter with him upon his arrival at Athens.

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