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British Embassy,  
Angora,

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**SECRET**

*Dear Lord Halifax,*

In case it interests you, I am sending you a copy of a letter I have written to Lyttelton describing the general Turkish position as I see it.

2. I think there is a danger, and evidently more so in the United States, of condemning the Turks unheard over their recent performance with Germany. Sometimes I am tempted to compare this performance with the jugglery of Hamidian times - playing one power off against another. But it is not that - it is a logical development of their very natural desire not to jeopardize the work of Atatürk. Their leaning towards us represents a basic policy, but they don't want that policy to leave them high and dry with no us to lean ...

His Excellency  
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lean against. It may not be heroic but it is not  
unintelligible. Until they realize that we must  
win , the position here will always be delicate, for  
the menace of Germany is very real and very near.

Yours sincerely,  
Walter Knaack - Langens