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The two attached letters both emphasise how important it is from our point of view to keep the Turks sweet and how much the Americans can help in this respect by continuing to supply them with war material. The Foreign Office obviously attach a great deal of importance to the matter and perhaps, therefore, when you see Mr. Hull on Saturday morning you could

speak to him at some length on the

subject.

One of our difficulties is that Mr. Wallace Murray, the head of the Near Eastern Division, is anti-Turk. The more pressure, therefore, that can be put on him from above by his own people the better. You may too have an opportunity not only of speaking to Mr. Hull, but also to other members of the Administration on the same lines.

I think the heads of the Joint Staff Mission might like to see these two letters and if you agree I will send the papers over to Mr. Gorell Barnes to see.

August 7th 1941.

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