

provisions of the Leased Bases Agreement, the Canadian Government is prepared to reach an understanding on this basis.

4. The Canadian Government accordingly concurs in the proposals set forth in the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the State Department's note of November 5, 1951.<sup>44</sup>

#### 7<sup>e</sup> PARTIE/PART 7

### AFFILIATION DE LA GRÈCE ET LA TURQUIE MEMBERSHIP OF GREECE AND TURKEY

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Ambassador in United States*

DESPATCH S-1662

Ottawa, April 20, 1951

TOP SECRET

Reference: Your WA-1406 of April 11.†

#### POSSIBILITY OF THE ADMISSION OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO NATO

We were greatly interested in receiving your telegram WA-1406 of April 11 on the possibility of the admission of Greece and Turkey in NATO. While we have not yet been in a position to discuss this matter with the Minister, you might be interested in our views at the departmental level.

2. We are rather hesitant to comment on the views expressed to you by the State Department about the method of improving the security of the Eastern Mediterranean because we feel that, apart from the possibility of the inclusion of Greece and Turkey in NATO, the area is one in which Canadian interests are remote except in a very general sense and we would not wish to give the impression that we are suggesting to the great powers methods whereby the security of the area under consideration could be increased by further commitments on their part while, at the same time, Canada would be unwilling to accept further commitments itself.

3. With these reservations in mind, you may wish to use the following views in your informal discussions with the State Department.

4. Four alternative methods for dealing with the security problem in the Eastern Mediterranean have been under discussion in recent months:

<sup>44</sup> Cette note a été remise au département d'État le 12 décembre 1951. Un échange officiel de notes s'est terminé au printemps 1952. Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1952, N<sup>o</sup> 14.

This note was delivered to the State Department on December 12, 1951. A formal exchange of notes was concluded in the spring of 1952. See Canada, *Treaty Series*, 1952, No. 14.