

Present forecasts show the capacity of the system should be adequate to fulfil all traffic requirements up to 1972 for the section Ankara / Bursa / Istanbul and up to at least 1978 for the section Bursa / Izmir.

- a system with the capacity of some hundreds of telephone channels (exact number not established), and with provision to carry television, is to be constructed from Istanbul to Edirne. At the latter point it is intended to interconnect with Bulgarian facilities to provide telephone connections with Sofia and Europe, and also to connect with the Intervision (East Europe) television network. This system is scheduled to be in operation by mid 1971 and is to be constructed with the aid of NATO infrastructure funds. As of November 8, 1968 final approval of NATO in respect of the use of funds for that purpose had not been received; however, it was expected within a matter of days.

Appendix II shows the approximate routes of the systems noted above.