

3.1 Microwave developments undertaken by Turkey since February 1967

The Turkish preference for a route via Thrace rather than via the Aegean was the factor holding up the project program, but some 14 months had elapsed since that preference had been stated.

The investigation therefore first sought to determine whether the Turkish authorities still held the view expressed in September 1967 and if so, how firmly and for what current reasons.

It was found that an entirely different set of circumstances currently prevails in Turkey, as since February 1967 the development of two microwave systems of significance to the Canadian proposal to link Ankara with Athens has been undertaken. Specifically :

- a system with a capacity of 1800 telephone channels, and with provision to carry television on a separate radio path, is being constructed to link Ankara with Istanbul and Izmir, via Bursa. This system according to present estimates should be in service by October 1970; contractors are Telefunken of Germany and Northern Electric of Canada.