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Greece & Turkey

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MCGHEE,

Attention: Mr. Kenneth Perry.

Referring to your letter of December first, the President has approved the draft of the letter transmitting to the Congress the Fifth Report on Assistance to Greece and Turkey for the period ended September 30, 1948. The draft, bearing the President's approval and the copy of the report, are returned to you herewith.

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No doubt Mr. Perry will wish to phone me relative to the transmittal date and any other details which he wishes to discuss.

WILLIAM J. HOPKINS
Executive Clerk

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Return of draft ltr re above, approved by the President, and the report.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



In reply refer to
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December 1, 1948

My dear Mr. Hopkins:

There is enclosed herewith one copy of the Fifth Report to Congress on Assistance to Greece and Turkey for the period ended September 30, 1948, together with draft letter of transmittal by the President to the Congress.

In view of the fact that the situation in Greece changes so rapidly, it is believed desirable that this report be transmitted as soon as possible and be released in mimeographed form to the Press, with the full printed report to be released at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

G. C. McGhee
George C. McGhee
Coordinator for Aid
to Greece and Turkey

Enclosure:

Report.

Mr. William J. Hopkins,
Executive Officer,
The White House.



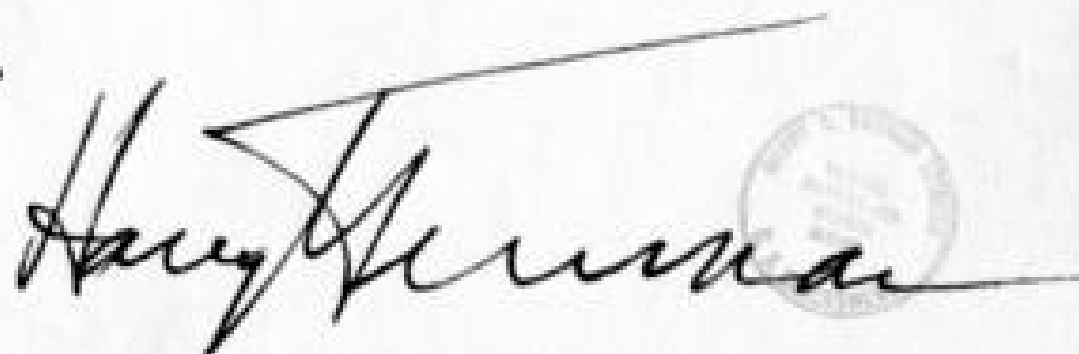
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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Transmitted herewith is the fifth quarterly report (covering the first quarter of the fiscal year 1949) on United States military assistance to Greece and Turkey. Military aid to Greece and Turkey was inaugurated under the authority of Public Law 75, 80th Congress, and was continued under the authority of Title III of Public Law 472, 80th Congress, known as the Greek-Turkish Assistance Act of 1948. Responsibility for United States assistance in the economic rehabilitation of Greece begun under Public Law 75 was, pursuant to Public Law 472, Title I, transferred effective July 1, 1948, to the Economic Cooperation Administration, and results are reported to the Congress under that title.

The encouraging prospect for substantial elimination of the Greek guerrilla forces which existed at the time of the victory of the Greek National Army in the Grammos Mountains and which was referred to in the report for the period ending June 30, 1948, has unfortunately not materialized. A military stalemate has ensued which has prolonged the struggle. The United States is, of course, through the American Mission for Aid to Greece, continuing to deliver to the Greeks necessary military supplies and equipment and to advise and assist the Greek armed forces, in accordance with the Assistance Act.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry Truman", is written over a circular official seal. The seal is partially obscured by the signature and contains some illegible text.

THE WHITE HOUSE