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September 10, 1970

MEMORANDUM TO

Mr. Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: PL-480 Wheat for Turkey (S/S 12059)

The President has approved the sale of 500,000 tons of PL-480 wheat for Turkey without linking it or future sales to the opium program at this stage.

Ambassador Handley should be instructed to confirm privately to the Prime Minister or Foreign Minister that the delay in our response was occasioned by the concern of some in the USG -- in response to mounting Congressional concern -- that there should be a Turkish quid pro quo in the area of opium suppression. He should also say that it may be desirable to discuss at a later date whether it might not be useful to devote the proceeds from any additional sales to the opium suppression program.

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Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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