

DECEMBER 22, 1959.

Hon. THOMAS S. GATES, Jr.,
Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: Considering that I asked on October 22, 1959, for a report on certain activities of military personnel in Turkey, I find the reply of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense dated December 16, 1959, most unsatisfactory.

I note that the Department of Defense intends to furnish a full and complete report to me later. Meanwhile, I hope that the aim of those preparing such a report will be to make it as comprehensive as possible rather than, as was apparently the aim of the December 16 report, as restricted as possible. The questions which I asked in my letter of October 22 were illustrative and should be taken as mere starting point for a searching exploration of the issues. If any information requires security classification, it may be placed in a separate report.

Meanwhile, I request prompt answers to the following questions:

1. Why was there a delay of 2 months in responding to my letter of October 22?
2. Why was there a delay in asking for the views of General Norstad?
3. Why was there a delay in asking for the views of the Department of State?
4. When will the Department be in a position to make "definitive estimates" of the number of personnel involved or the amount of illegal profit, if any?
5. When will partial or tentative estimates be available of the numbers of personnel involved and the amount of illegal profit, if any?
6. In what ways is the executive branch attempting to achieve a resolution of the problems mentioned in numbered comment 3 in the General Counsel's letter of December 16. What is the explanation for the delay by Turkish authorities?
7. What are the factors delaying determination of the need for changes in legislation?

I also request answers to the last two questions stated in numbered paragraph 1 of my letter of October 22.

I regard the General Counsel's excuses for not, during the past 2 months, furnishing me a copy of General Carroll's report; namely, that the Pentagon lacked sufficient copies, as unworthy of the Department of Defense. Obviously, the Pentagon has facilities to make additional copies overnight. I therefore renew my request for this document.

Very truly yours,

J. W. FULBRIGHT, *Chairman.*