retary Gates, and, more recently, was the subject of discussions in November in Paris between General Norstad and myself. In addition, the appropriate officials of the Department of Defense and the Department of State were in close frequent contact as the situation developed, and the Department of Defense has been kept fully apprised of the views of the Department of State. My purpose in requesting General Norstad and the Department of State to comment on the particular questions raised by your letter was merely to afford General Norstad and the Department of State an opportunity to indicate whether there were any specific observations they wished to have included in our response to your questions.

The remaining problems raised by your letters involve classified information and are therefore discussed in a separate response.

The delay in responding to your original letter of October 22 is regretted, and it is hoped that you were not too severely inconvenienced by it.

Sincerely yours,

J. VINCENT BURKE, Jr.

FEBRUARY 1, 1960.

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

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: The response of the Department of Defense to my letters of October 22 and December 22, 1959, requesting information on black-market activities of U.S. military personnel in Turkey is profoundly disturbing to me.

First, I am shocked at the magnitude of such black-market operations, the level of the officers involved, and the implications which these facts suggest with respect to the personal values and patriotism of those involved.

Second, I suspect that Turkey is not a unique case.

Third, the Department of Defense attitude, thus far expressed to me, on the furnishing of information in response to my request on this subject is unsatisfactory.

I am not sure whether the reference to executive privilege in the Department's letter of January 13, 1960, is a refusal to supply the information requested or not. I renew my request for the full text of General Carroll's report, including the enclosures.

I refer to my request of December 22 stating that matters requiring security classification should be kept separate. Please indicate which portions of the Department's letter of January 19 and of General Carroll's report must be classified and state the reason in each case for such classification.

In my letter of October 22, 1959, I asked for an estimate of the number of personnel who might be involved and some estimate of the amount of illegal profit. I do not need an accurate estimate, which the Department states is not possible, but I would like an estimate.

What action has the Department of Defense taken with respect to the 58 military personnel interviewed by General Carroll who either admitted acquiring Turkish lira illegally or who declined to answer questions?

Very truly yours,

J. W. FULBRIGHT, Chairman.