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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
Washington 25, D.C.

In reply refer to I-15,049/9  
International Security Affairs

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Dear Mr. Kohler:

The Department of Defense desires to obtain the right to utilize the NATO Air Base at Malatya, Turkey for the purpose of establishing a staging area. At present the U.S. forces are not designated as a user of that base.

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We have given extensive consideration to the sensitive aspects of raising this matter with the Turks and in NATO. In this connection we obtained the views of General Norstad on the handling of the NATO problem. In his opinion the proposed joint USAF-TAF use of Malatya in order to enable the U.S. to reinforce a general area which is of primary interest to NATO provides a completely reasonable basis for approach to Turkey and to NATO.

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Sincerely yours,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary

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Assistant Secretary of State  
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Department of State