TURKISH REACTION TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER INONU

1. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LETTER ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION TO PRIME MINISTER ISMET INONU ILLUSTRATES THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD AND STILL DOES NOT UNDERSTAND TURKISH INTENTIONS OR POSITION REGARDING CYPRUS.

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2. Johnson's letter has done more to set back United States Turkish relations than any other single act.

3. Reactions to the letter varied from shock and disbelief that such a letter could have been sent by the President of the United States to that of complete disappointment in the United States. Some went even so far as to say that in the light of this letter Turkey should not have postponed intervention. The general consensus was that this letter makes it almost mandatory for Turkey to become more independent of the United States in the field of international relations.
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