

TELEGRAM SENT*
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2484. Department transmits for your information following quotation from note [of] French Ambassador:

My Government informs me that reports recently received from reliable and concurrent sources in Syria describe the situation of the inhabitants as being very trying; the people are subjected to exactions of all kinds, brutal treatment, exile and imprisonment, and there would seem to be ground for a fear that the murders which are more and more frequent will in the near future degenerate into a methodical massacre like that which was practised on the Armenians.

Before taking up this matter with the Turkish Government, Department desires any information on subject you can discreetly secure.

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