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From Constantinople  
Dated August 18, 1915.  
Received August 21, 3 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

940, August 18, 8 p.m.

Minister of the Interior informed me that orders were telegraphed to provinces exempting from deportation all Protestant and Catholic Armenians. Although a large number have already been deported, many of whom were murdered, yet these orders if properly executed will save many Armenians connected with the American missions. Protestants and Catholics are about ten per cent of Armenians, ninety per cent being Gregorian. I have requested the exemption of all Armenian professors, teachers, students, inmates, nurses, et cetera connected with American institutions. Both Minister of War and Interior seem inclined to grant my request. Have secured exemption for Armenian employees of our consulates.

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AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
GREEN CIPHER

Washington, October 8, 1915

Amembassy,  
Constantinople.

Your 940, August 18. Has Turkish Government carried out orders reported by you exempting from deportation Protestant and Catholic Armenians?

[signed] Lansing

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