

TELEGRAM RECEIVED\*

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From Constantinople.  
Dated March 6, 1916.  
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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

1633 March 6. 10 a.m.

My 1546 February 6, 10 a.m., your February 26, 6 p.m.

Despatch from Consul at Aleppo reports five hundred thousand Armenian refugees now in Aleppo, Damascus and Zor districts all within reach of committees at Aleppo and Damascus. According to Peet's informants there are in Turkey in addition to the above not less than three hundred thousand who need help although not in as wretched condition. He says that present sums are inadequate to bring these people through the winter and that one million dollars could be very profitably employed in this connection. All relief committees are strongly requesting increased remittances. He declared that help thus far received has worked wonders and if supplemented as requested may help save a Christian nation from extinction.

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AMERICAN CHARGE

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March 21, 1916

The Reverend James L. Barton,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

There is herewith quoted to you a paraphrase of a telegram, received March 17th, from the American Chargé d’Affaires at Constantinople, relative to the need for additional funds for Armenian relief.

“The American Consul at Aleppo reports that a half million Armenian refugees are now in the districts of Damascus, Zor and Aleppo. All of these are within reach of the relief committees at Damascus and Aleppo. All relief committees strongly urge larger remittances. Peet declares that the relief already received has worked wonders, and if properly continued will help save a Christian nation from extermination. According to his information there are three hundred thousand refugees in Turkey who need help besides the half million referred to. Present sums are inadequate to bring these people through the winter, and one million dollars can be very profitably employed.”

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
For the Acting Secretary of State:

ALVEY A. ADEE  
Second Assistant Secretary.

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