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1908, and related papers
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(1) Special Report on the Ottoman Public
Debt, followed by a translation of the Annual
Report of the Council of Administration for
the twenty-sixth financial period (14 March
1907 to 13 March 1908)
Sir Adam Block (Representative of the
British and Dutch Bondholders), President of
the Council, October 1908
172pp
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(2) Ottoman Public Debt. Decree issued 1
(14) September 1903 as an annex to the
Decree of 28 Mouharrem 1299 (8 [20]
December 1881)
Parliamentary Papers, Turkey No.1 (1905),
Cd 2407
11pp
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(3) Imperial Ottoman Debt. Decree of 28
Muharrem 1299 (8 [20] December 1881)
Parliamentary Papers, Turkey No.1 (1911),
Cd 5736
37pp
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(4) The Ottoman Public Debt and its
administration, 1854-1914
No.I, S.A-S, Treasury, October 1916
48pp, *Confidential*
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(5) The Egyptian Tribute Loans
No.II, S.A-S, Treasury, October 1916
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(6) The Turkish Guaranteed Loan, 1855
No.III, S.A-S, Treasury, October 1916
24pp, *Confidential*
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The Kurdish tribes of the Ottoman Empire

Lt-Col Sir Mark Sykes
[London: War Office, 1915]
Reprinted from the Journal of the Royal
Anthropological Institute, vol xxxviii, Jul-
Dec 1908, pp.452-86, map
L/P&S/20/C122

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The Turkish and Pan-Turkish ideal.
Tekin Alp, Constantinople
London: translation with introduction,
Admiralty, War Staff, Intelligence Division,
[undated]
48pp, map
L/MIL/17/16/24

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Personalities: Turkey
Admiralty, War Staff Intelligence Division,
2nd edition, January 1916
with 'Historical sketch of recent Turkish
history'
51pp, *Secret*
L/P&S/20/C132

Fiche 6-8 **Reel 1**
Lines of communication between Turkey and
Persia
Simla: General Staff, India, 1916
57pp, map, *Confidential*
L/P&S/20/C134

Fiche 8-11 **Reel 1**
A handbook of Turkey in Europe
London: Admiralty, War Staff Intelligence
Division, 1917
319pp, illus, map, *For Official Use Only*
L/MIL/17/16/17

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Report on the Pan-Turanian movement
London: Intelligence Bureau, Department of
Information, October 1917
26pp, map
L/MIL/17/16/23

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A manual on the Turanians and Pan-
Turanianism

London: Admiralty, Naval Staff, Intelligence
Dept, November 1918
256pp, map, *For Official Use Only*
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The rise of Islam and the Caliphate. The Pan-
Islamic movement
Handbook prepared under the direction of
the Historical Section of the Foreign Office,
No 96a & b, January 1919
72pp, *Confidential*
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The rise of the Turks. The Pan-Turanian
Movement
Handbook prepared under the direction of
the Historical Section of the Foreign Office,
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49pp, map, *Confidential*
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Handbook prepared under the direction of
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19pp, *Confidential*
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Handbook prepared under the direction of
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vi, 138pp, map, *Confidential*
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iv, 85pp, map, *Confidential*
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The situation in Turkey, 15 March 1920
London: War Office, March 1920
15pp, *Secret*
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Treaty of Peace with Turkey, signed at
Sèvres, 10 August 1920
Treaty Series No 11 (1920)
Parliamentary Papers (HoC) 1920, LI, Cd
964
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Further correspondence respecting the affairs
of Asiatic Turkey, January 1906-June 1908
Foreign Office, *Confidential*
January-December 1906, xi, 223pp
January-June 1907, vii, 111pp
July-December 1907, xv, 268pp
January-March 1908, viii, 216pp, maps
April-June 1908, xii, 235pp
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Further correspondence respecting the affairs
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December 1909
Foreign Office, *Confidential*
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January-March 1909, vii, 102pp
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January-December 1910
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Further correspondence respecting the affairs
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Part II, April-June 1911, ix, 175pp
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Foreign Office, *Confidential*

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Foreign Office, *Confidential*
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Baghdad Railway: general negotiations, Apr 1903-Dec 1907
includes: Baghdad Railway Convention, signed March 1903; international participation and financing; Foreign Office confidential "Memorandum respecting the Bagdad Railway", March 1906; reference notes on towns along the Baghdad Railway, February 1907; secret report of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Baghdad Railway question, 1907
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Baghdad Railway: general negotiations, Jan 1908-Jun 1910
includes: Anatolian Railway Company contracts and annual reports, 1908; report of the Mesopotamian Railways Committee, 1909, with map of proposed railways in Asiatic Turkey; question of Baghdad to Gulf section and British participation; Foreign Office secret "Memorandum respecting the Bagdad Railway", 1909
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Baghdad Railway: general negotiations, Jun 1910-Jun 1912
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Baghdad Railway: negotiations with Germany; Shatt al-'Arab navigation, May-Sep 1913
also includes: Baghdad Railway. Convention of 5 March 1903, Statutes of Imperial Baghdad Railway Company, Loan Contracts and Additional Convention, 2 June 1908 (Parliamentary Papers, 1911, Cd.5635)
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