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Sources of Information Available to the Committee Formulating this Report.

The present report is based upon a wide range of information, including special investigations of all the published materials upon the vilayets under discussion and adjacent vilayets, consultations with American consuls, missionaries, and teachers who have spent years in the regions under discussion, special reports from the personnel of the mission of General Harbord and of the staff of Colonel Haskell, questionnaires sent to such persons who by reason of distance could not be consulted in person, and the like.

The chief sources of reliable information and advice were these:

1. The complete library, reports, and current information gathered and used at Paris by the advisers to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, Division of Western Asia.

2. The full text of the Harbord Report and the original materials used in Turkey by the Harbord Mission, added to by personal reports of several of the members of that Mission. The Harbord report furnished material upon all the problems which arose in the formulation of this document.

3. Questionnaires sent out to missionaries and teachers long established in eastern Anatolia. Their information was especially valuable upon close questions of the ethnographic character of the border villages lying in the districts which required especial scrutiny, and upon the roads and the market and religious affiliations of villages and cities in those districts, one with another.

4. The military-strategic strength of the frontier of Armenia was regarded as of vital importance to the new state, both immediately and in the future. Upon all such questions we have sought the advice of military experts of the War Department.

5. The four existing large-scale maps of the area in which the Turkish-Armenian boundaries must lie are:

Turkish 1:200,000 (Turkish General Staff) 1911-1918
Russian 1:210,000 (5-verst) 1886-1916
British 1:250,000 (Eastern Turkey in Asia) 1901-1902
German 1:400,000 (Kiepert's Kleinasien) 1902-1906

Upon all of these maps the lines of the administrative boundaries of the vilayets as well as the geographic features of the country differ markedly in detail. We have followed the Turkish General

Staff map as decisive because of its greater fulness of detail and our confidence in its much greater accuracy. This confidence is warranted by our knowledge that the map is based upon plane-table surveys of the entire area and by the fact that the Harbord Mission, having tested all the maps upon the ground in numerous places, is confident of its superiority over the others. The Turkish General Staff map has therefore been made the basis of the President's report and has been recommended for the use of the Boundary Commission provided for in Article 91 of the Turkish Treaty.

6. The Committee has had the invaluable advice and criticism of Major General James G. Harbord upon all phases of its report.