SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

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LONDON TIMES of October 26 published a telegram from its correspondent in Constantinople under date of October 16 reporting certain alleged massacres of Christians at Mersivan in Asia Minor sixty miles inland from Samson on the Black Sea. According to this report several Americans engaged in relief work on behalf of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East were still at Mersivan at the time of the massacres. A large number of Christians took refuge in the American compound and some one thousand two hundred dead were subsequently buried in the vicinity of the latter.

Foreign Office asks whether you are able to confirm any of these statements or are in possession of any further information on the subject.

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