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Representative Cicilline and Secretary Tillerson on the Turkish Embassy Attack

**Representative Cicilline:** Next Mr. Secretary I assume you are familiar with the events that took place in Washington D.C. outside the Turkish Embassy on May 6th?

**Secretary Tillerson:** I am.

**Representative Cicilline:** I assume you do not believe it is appropriate for a foreign security force to assault Americans on American soil.

**Secretary Tillerson:** I do not.

**Representative Cicilline:** Have you or the President had conversations with President Erdogan or the Turkish Ambassador about this incident?

**Secretary Tillerson:** We had called the Turkish Ambassador over to the State Department immediately and spoke to him. I have had face to face conversations with the Foreign Minister, Cavusoglu, on the margins of the N.A.T.O. meeting. The matter is under investigation by the Washington D.C. police and the court system and we're waiting for the conclusion of that investigation for further action.

**Representative Cicilline:** And so once those prosecutions are concluded you will consider action in response to this egregious attack.

**Secretary Tillerson:** We want our actions to be consistent with what the investigation shows.

**Representative Cicilline:** Do you believe it's appropriate for the United States Government to sell weapons to the very same security forces who committed this attack?

**Secretary Tillerson:** It's under evaluation