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İsmet İnönü on Dimensions of Security

During World War II the Allied Powers held a "summit meeting" at Cairo. Roosevelt and Churchill invited İsmet İnönü to attend that meeting, too, for he was then head of the Turkish Republic. Roosevelt and Churchill wanted to persuade Turkey to enter the war against Germany

As he was entering the meeting place, İnönü asked, "I have noticed that you have very tight security here. Can you guarantee that we can sleep safely in this building?"

Churchill answered, "Almost certainly we can, though of course the Germans might always make a strike at this place from their bases on Greek islands.

İnönü answered with a smile, "You cannot insure safety for just one small building. If I should enter the war with you against Germany, how would you expect me to provide security for the whole city of İstanbul?"

really has you there!" Roosevelt advised Churchill