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At Erkin's request Olcay, who completely informed Paris talks, has discussed with Dale where we stand re removal Jupiter missiles from Turkey. Although Erkin has not had opportunity discuss matter fully with Cabinet, Olcay indicated GOT likely agree removal providing replacement can be made which knowledgeable elements Turkish public will believe effective. Foreign Office suggests first step should be prepare Turkish opinion by announcements or leaks from US sources to effect strategic position altering and new means must be found assure Western deterrent. We should say, and Foreign Office plans to say, that NATO always reviewing changes in strategic circumstances and their implications in terms weapons systems.

Next step he said would be announce that new up-to-date means of defense not vulnerable to immediate retaliation would be placed in position protect Turkey. Following explanation of changed conditions and that NATO and US propose to do about them, i.e., placement Polaris missiles. advanced date for F-104's and perhaps other measures we have discussed with you, we could then make announcement re removal Jupiters which, in Foreign Minister's estimation, would make transition palatable. Since GOT has never specifically admitted missiles located Turkey it would be embarrassing for GOT make first announcement change has occurred and first story should originate NATO or Washington

sources

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sources (preferably by official statement). As Foreign Minister puts it, whole success this operation depends on proper order and timing of US actions in close cooperation with GOT. His analysis very much along lines of our conversations in Embassy.

Olcay added, however, GOT may be forced, due questions, GNA or press leaks which have already commenced, make announcement simultaneously with US or, if domestic reaction becomes unmanageable, alter position described above. Foreign Minister will, he said, keep in close contact with Embassy.

In connection 104's Tansel told Fitzwater December 27 he still could not believe nuclear weapons would ever be made available TAF even under rules prevailing for US custody. He cited "many complicated POL considerations involved" without stating what he thought them to be.

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