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ON NECESSITY TO GIVE GO-AHEAD DATE TO DAF WHICH WOULD PERMIT PRELIMINARY PREPARATORY ACTIONS. USG BARGAINING POSITION IN CURRENT CRITICAL US/TURKEY NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE PRESERVED TO MAXIMUM DEGREE CONSISTENT WITH THESE REQUIRED PRELIMINARY ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH INTRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT. THEREFORE. TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ADVISED IN WRITING AS FOLLOWS:

A. PRELIMINARY STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE FIRST AVAILABLE F-104G AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY IN APRIL 1963.

B. THIS ACCELERATED DELIVERY DATE WILL BECOME FIRM UPON SATIS-CONCLUSION OF CURRENT US/TURKEY NEGOTIATIONS.

C. TURKISH ARMED FORCES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE EARLY DELIVERY DATE OPTION.

IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE DAF.

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