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Following ceremony this afternoon commemorating eleventh anniversary of Turkish entry NATO, Erkin told me he had read draft memorandum to NAC and was endeavoring clear it in time for February 20 meeting. As of present he had only one suggestion which was concerning phrase in third paragraph that Polaris missiles would be deployed "in the Mediterranean". He felt this term too general and that there should be some indication of their being specially assigned in respect Italy and Turkey.

Purpose of his suggestion in line consistent Turkish feeling that Polaris has remoteness which lessens its appeal and that as consequence anything which serves link it more directly with countries concerned is useful.

Asked if he was passing this on to Birgi, Erkin said would appreciate our communicating it on his behalf.

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