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We had earlier, in view Turkish sensitivity, hoped delay technicallevel approach to Turkish military re mechanics of Jupiter dismantling until after exchange notes. However in view delay entailed by Parliamentary ratification, which we assume could not be completed prior last week March, earlier approach toward dismantling will be required prior to GNA ratification if we are to effect major dismantling operation within original schedule and simultaneously with arrival Polaris force on station.

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We assume exchange of notes could not be drafted in form which would not require submission to GNA.

Dismantling scheduled to begin April 15. Would like to know whether you feel we can initiate techncial-level approach prior to GNA ratification running without /unacceptable political risk.

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