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**American Embassy Paris Telegram POLTO 879 to the
Secretary of State, Washington, DC**

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Summary:

Kennedy's press statements and announcements by Italy and Turkey of agreements with the U.S. on the Jupiters put the U.S. Mission to NATO in an awkward position because "most NAC members learned of withdrawal of Jupiters from press." Moreover, an internal memo to NATO's Secretary General complained about the U.S. failure to consult with the Alliance. Ambassador Finletter here asked the Department to provide a statement that he could make to the NAC at its January 30 meeting.

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TO: Secretary of State

NO: POLTO 879, January 25, 9 p.m.

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In view President's press conference and announcements in Italy and Turkey that Jupiters are being replaced by Polaris, believe it has become essential make statement to NAC January 30 and would appreciate Department furnishing text of what should be said.

Anything that can be put into statement to smooth over fact that most NAC members learned of withdrawal Jupiters from press will be helpful. In this connection, I have been shown privately a copy of international staff memorandum to Secretary General complaining in strong terms about past US statements of intention to consult on all such matters and pointing out failure to do so in this instance as something that Secretary-General will want to take up with US. In fact SYG has written me a letter on this point and I have answered saying we will make statement on 30th.

Department may also wish consider taking this occasion to add some remarks re-emphasizing US intention to maintain and increase strength of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe, since there have been rumors recently that these are being withdrawn and it might be helpful to prevent Jupiter incident from being used to support such charges.

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