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Summary:

A number of issues raised by Defense Minister Sancar about the Jupiter agreement were unresolved. While some in the Turkish government wanted to withdraw Sancar's letter to McNamara, President İnönü was reluctant to do that, wanting it understood that what Sancar had written "were not conditions but rather expression of Turkish needs and desires." During a meeting, Foreign Minister Erkin told Hare that he was trying to clear the proposed memorandum to the NAC in time for its meeting on February 20. On the sentence about Polaris submarines operating in the Mediterranean, Erkin suggested this wording: Polaris was being "especially assigned" to Italy and Turkey. That would speak to the "Turkish feeling" that "Polaris has remoteness which lessens its appeal."

Later that day, Hare wrote that the Turkish government was apparently willing to sign on to the statement to NATO. That Turkey had already made the "political decision" to dismantle the Jupiters made it necessary for the U.S. to address Sancar's concerns, such as the nuclear weapons for the F-100s, the delivery of a third F-104 squadron, access to the facilities at Cigli, and Turkey's role in the Polaris submarines. Hare also favored a positive response to Sancar's proposal for negotiations between U.S. and Turkish representatives.

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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.

HARE

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