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Summary:

The U.S. had hoped that an exchange of notes with Turkey on the Jupiter/Polaris arrangement would facilitate a technical level approach to the Turkish military on the "mechanics of Jupiter dismantling." But with parliamentary approval of the notes delayed, and not likely to occur until later in the month, the U.S. needed to make an approach on dismantling so that it occurred in conjunction with the arrival of Polaris submarines in the Mediterranean. With dismantling scheduled to begin on April 15, the Department would like Hare's advice on whether a technical approach could be made "without running unacceptable political risk."

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We had earlier, in view Turkish sensitivity, hoped delay technical-level 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.

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 technical-level approach prior to GNA ratification without unacceptable political risk.

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