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Bulgarian Consulate, Istanbul (Karadimov), Cable to Foreign Ministry

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Summary:

Bulgarian General Consul in Istanbul Dimo Karadimov reports to the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry news of new ballistic missiles in Turkey. Specifically, Karadimov notes that the US military will replace Jupiter missiles with Polaris missiles within the year. Karadimov cannot confirm NATO's involvement.

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INCOMING CABLE N 938
28 January 1963
To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
From: Istanbul
Written on 28 January 1963 at 5.00 pm

Ref. Your cable N 694

In addition to my cable from a few days ago regarding Jupiter missiles, located on Turkish territory, I would like to add the following: according to the Istanbul newspapers, on 24 January the Turkish Foreign minister confirmed in front of Milliyet newspaper that the Jupiter missiles on Turkish territory had been dismantled. They will be replaced by Polaris [submarine] missiles, which will float in the Mediterranean and will be under the command of Sixth US Fleet. Today, Istanbul newspapers published statements from foreign media agencies according to which Turkey and Italy are not going to be at a disadvantage after the removal of Jupiter missiles since NATO will obtain access to Polaris missiles and they will be deployed in the Mediterranean this year. Generally, the comments are short. We have no precise information whether NATO is engaged in this matter, when the dismantling of Jupiter missiles will start, etc. We are going to observe and inform you in due time.

[General Consul] KARADIMOV[1]

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Notes

[1] Dimo Karadimov - General Consul in Istanbul, Turkey (1962-1966).