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**American Embassy Rome Telegram 1469 to the  
Secretary of State, Washington, DC**

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**Summary:**

The Embassy reported on the Council of Ministers decisions and the related communique. The latter made only general references to "modernization of arms of alliance" without mentioning Jupiters or Polaris, which was probably Fanfani's preference. According to Reinhardt, Fanfani told him that the Council had "unanimously approved" the agreement that he and Kennedy had reached.

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TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPARATE TEL OF COMMUNIQUE APPROVED 3 PM TODAY BY ITALIAN COUNCIL OF MINS AFTER LENGTHY MEETING LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING DURING WHICH PRIMIN REPORTED FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS ON HIS TRIP TO US AND TALKS WITH PRES. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT CABINET RECOGNIZED VALIDITY OF MULTI-LATERAL NATO NUCLEAR FORCE AND APPROVED "PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR MODERNIZATION OF ARMS OF ALLIANCE". COMMUNIQUE ALSO MENTIONS COUNCIL'S HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF TALKS ON DISARMAMENT ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR TEST; EXPRESSED COUNCIL'S "PROFOUND SATISFACTION" AT FURTHER SIGNS PROVIDED BY FANFANI-KENNEDY MEETING OF SOLIDARITY OF ITALO-US FRIENDSHIP; REITERATES ITALY'S SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ATLANTIC ALLIANCE; AND EXPRESSES PLEASURE AT PROSPECT OF PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ITALY.

AFTER ISSUANCE COMMUNIQUE PRIMIN SENT ME FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE: "MEANING OF THIS COMMUNIQUE IS THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED WHAT WAS AGREED UPON IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MYSELF WITHOUT ANY CHANGE".

REINHARDT

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