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Summary:

The early delivery of F-104G's was a crucial element in the negotiations with Turkey over the Jupiters, and the U.S. planning on the deliveries was moving forward. The State Department, however, wanted Turkish authorities to understand that the timing of the deliveries "will depend on such progress in negotiations that it is clear GOT [Government of Turkey] will agree to dismantle JUPITERS."

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Problems set forth your 820 receiving priority attention here. We appreciate numerous issues involved in F-104's on accelerated April schedule. Advance planning for necessary actions is proceeding accordingly. However, it clear that timing of implementing actions to make phase-in F-104's in April possible will depend upon such progress in negotiations that it is clear GOT will agree to dismantle JUPITERS. Accordingly, suggest Turks be advised preliminary planning steps have been taken regarding complete range of F-104 problems. Follow on actions on 104's will be undertaken immediately upon receipt recommendation that such action appears prudent based on your judgment that removal JUPITERS assured.

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Today USAF was authorized and requested to cancel, slow

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down, or otherwise delay activities and efforts in support of JUPITER Program pending release of withdrawal instructions and subject to the restrictions on official release of JUPITER withdrawal plan.

FYI, firm decision needed by 1 February if Turkish pilots are to make timely entry into USAF program to meet proposed accelerated training requirements. ~~XXX~~ End FYI.

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