

January 25, 1963

**American Embassy Paris Telegram POLTO 879 to the
Secretary of State, Washington, DC**

Citation:

"American Embassy Paris Telegram POLTO 879 to the Secretary of State, Washington, DC", January 25, 1963, Wilson Center Digital Archive, National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 59, Central Decimal Files, 1960-1963, Box 1498, 711.5611. Contributed by Bill Burr and Leopoldo Nuti.
<https://wilson-center-digital-archive.dvincitest.com/document/300401>

Summary:

Kennedy's press statements and announcements by Italy and Turkey of agreements with the U.S. on the Jupiters put the U.S. Mission to NATO in an awkward position because "most NAC members learned of withdrawal of Jupiters from press." Moreover, an internal memo to NATO's Secretary General complained about the U.S. failure to consult with the Alliance. Ambassador Finletter here asked the Department to provide a statement that he could make to the NAC at its January 30 meeting.

Credits:

This document was made possible with support from Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY)

Original Language:

English

Contents:

Original Scan

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

PERMANENT RECORD COPY

OFFICE
OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
MESSAGE CENTER
SECRET

34
Action
EUR
Info
SS
SR
G
SP
L
H
NEA
DAC
P
USIA
INR
RMR

FROM: Paris
TO: Secretary of State
NO: POLTO 879, January 25, 9 p.m.

Control: 16903
Rec'd: January 26, 1963
4:38 a.m.

1963 JAN 23 AM 7 56

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. Blotzen
P
He
1/24
This is fine
answer
before
last.

Paris Polt 879
Do you want it back?
GEP
911,5611/1-25-63
X 911,5612
375

ACTION DEPARTMENT POLTO 879, INFORMATION ROME POLTO 70, ANKARA POLTO 24.

In view President's press conference and announcements in Italy and Turkey that Jupiters are being replaced by Polaris, believe it has become essential make statement to NAC January 30 and would appreciate Department furnishing text of what should be said.

Anything that can be put into statement to smooth over fact that most NAC members learned of withdrawal Jupiters from press will be helpful. In this connection, I have been shown privately a copy of international staff memorandum to Secretary General complaining in strong terms about past US statements of intention to consult on all such matters and pointing out failure to do so in this instance as something that Secretary-General will want to take up with US. In fact SYG has written me a letter on this point and I have answered saying we will make statement on 30th.

Department may also wish consider taking this occasion to add some remarks re-emphasizing US intention to maintain and increase strength of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe, since there have been rumors recently that these are being withdrawn and it might be helpful to prevent Jupiter incident from being used to support such charges.

FINLETTER

Copy # 24 destroyed, RM/R

FILED
FEB 20 12 43 PM '63

HC
Microfilmed by RM/R

This copy must be returned to RM/R central files with no reproduction from this copy is prohibited unless "UNCLASSIFIED"

ACTION ASSIGNED TO	ACTION TAKEN	DATE OF ACTION	DIRECTIONS TO RM/R
RPM	<i>Tolson</i>	4/27	<i>File</i>
NAME OF OFFICER	OFFICE SYMBOL		
RPM - <i>JJC</i>			