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Summary:

Following the Italian Government's acceptance of the Jupiter-Polaris arrangement, Defense Minister Andreotti answered Secretary of Defense McNamara's January 5 letter. He declared that he was ready to begin "mutual consultations" to reach "specific agreements" on removing the Jupiters and said that he would await further guidance from McNamara.

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Following is Embassy translation of reply dated 29 January by Defense Minister Andreotti to January 5 letter from Secretary of Defense McNamara proposing replacement of Italian Jupiters by Polaris.

Quote Further to my letter No. 630035 of January 11, 1963 I am happy to advise you that the Italian Government has indicated its approval with respect to the modernization of missile weapons referred to in your letter of January 5.

Quote Therefore I would deem it appropriate to begin, as you have suggested, mutual consultations with a view to reaching specific agreements.

Quote I am therefore waiting to hear from you concerning the procedures through which the above can be accomplished. End Quote

Embassy has not seen January 11 letter but is advised by Defense Ministry it was merely interim reply.

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