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Summary:

This message conveyed several decisions that McNamara had detailed in a memorandum on "The Replacement of Jupiter and Related Matters." One Sergeant missile battalion would be deployed in Italy to replace Corporal missiles. The U.S. would not transfer to Italy "operational responsibilities" for nuclear weapons currently deployed to the Southern European Task Force [SETAF]. The U.S. would not deploy Pershing missiles to Italy. Planning would begin for the assignment of three Polaris submarines to the Mediterranean beginning April 1, 1963. Finally, plans would be made to deliver 14 104-G's to Turkey during April 1963.

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1. The following memorandum by the Secretary of Defense, dated 18 January 1963, is quoted for your information:

"SUBJECT: Replacement of JUPITER and Related Actions (S)

"In the development of the U. S. position on this subject, consideration was given to the views expressed in JCSM-1032-62.

Following are decisions reached on the specific recommendations contained in that memorandum:

"(1) Deployment of four SERGEANT missile battalions to Central Europe and one SERGEANT missile battalion to Southern Europe (SETAF) is approved. MAP equipment and materiel resources, currently programmed for Belgium, will be transferred to the U. S. Army under appropriate arrangements for reimburse-

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ment. Deployment to SETAF will be completed no later than 31 December 1963 and will be in replacement of the two existing CORPORAL-equipped battalions. No further effort will be made at this time to transfer to Italy those operational responsibilities presently being discharged by the U. S. with respect to the nuclear weapons assigned to SETAF.

"(2) Deployment of PERSHING missiles to Italy is not now contemplated.

"(3) Plans will be made for the assignment of three POLARIS submarines to Mediterranean duty beginning no later than 1 April 1963. Additional instructions on this subject will be issued separately.

"(4) Plans will be made for adjustment of present F-104G aircraft allocations and delivery schedules to insure delivery to Turkey of 14 aircraft in April 1963.

"The foregoing is furnished for advance planning to insure prompt implementation upon receipt of Italian and Turkish agreement to replacement of JUPITERS."

2. JCSM-1032-62 is memo to SECDEF contained in JCS 2421/176, copies of which have been forwarded to aees separately.

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