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Summary:

By late January, the negotiations with Turkey were bogged down, with Defense Minister Sancar asking for a Turkish military presence on the Polaris submarines as well as delivery of nuclear weapons for the F-100 Super Sabres before the Jupiters were replaced. Without a formal agreement on the Jupiters, the U.S. government held back from a decision on another matter: the delivery of F-104G fighter-bombers. Nevertheless, Defense Department officials approved a decision to "provide first available aircraft" in April 1963, which was necessary to authorize the Air Force's "preliminary preparatory actions." The U.S. would preserve its "bargaining position" by informing Turkey in writing that an "accelerated delivery date will become firm upon satisfactory conclusion of current US/Turkey negotiations."

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73727 OASD/ISA ODMA SECDEF HAS MADE DECISION TO ADJUST THE F-104G MAP TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FIRST AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY IN APRIL 1963. THIS DECISION WAS BASED ON NECESSITY TO GIVE GO-AHEAD DATE TO DAF WHICH WOULD PERMIT PRELIMINARY PREPARATORY ACTIONS. USG BARGAINING POSITION IN CURRENT CRITICAL US/TURKEY NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE PRESERVED TO MAXIMUM DEGREE CONSISTENT WITH THESE REQUIRED PRELIMINARY ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH INTRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT. THEREFORE, TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ADVISED IN WRITING AS FOLLOWS:

A. PRELIMINARY STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE FIRST AVAILABLE F-104G AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY IN APRIL 1963.

B. THIS ACCELERATED DELIVERY DATE WILL BECOME FIRM UPON SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF CURRENT US/TURKEY NEGOTIATIONS.

C. TURKISH ARMED FORCES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE EARLY DELIVERY DATE OPTION.

IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE DAF.

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