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Summary:

The Embassy had informed the Italian Foreign Office of the need to coordinate the dismantling with military officials, but, according to the U.S. military assistance mission, Ministry of Defense officials were without instructions. An "early exchange of notes would help button up matter promptly." The Embassy made the point that the "action to be completed within 25 days includes removal from Italy of nose cones, warheads and guidance systems, and laying missiles in horizontal positions, but that salvage of missile hulls and disposal of assorted administrative equipment ... might take as long as six-eight months."

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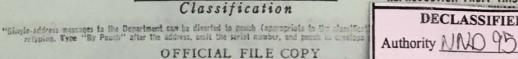
Reference Department telegrams 1772 and 1778 and POLTO 1155.

1. Embassy has stressed to FONOFF (Cagiati, Head, NATO Section) point made Deptel 1772, and FONOFF undertook coordinate matter promptly with Italian military authorities. At same time however, FONOFF made point early exchange IRBM of notes would help ensure full coordination all around.

MAAG advises Embassy that as of March 18 MOD officials with whom it 2.

in touch re this matter were still without official instructions from own re April 1 date for deactivating and initiating dismantling of Jupiters. political authorities, While FONOFF action noted above will presumably complete this circuit, Embassy agrees early exchange of notes would help button up matter promptly. Accordingly, request signing authority for Ambassador/Minister.

3. In stressing to FONOFF importance achieving now full service-toservice coordination in order ensure dismantling within period requested by GOI, Embassy made point that action to be completed within 25 days includes removal from Italy of nose cones, warheads and guidance systems, and laying missiles in horizontal position, but that salvage of missile hulls and



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disposal of associated administrative equipment (ground support equipment) is enormous task which might take as long as six-eight months. Cagiati replied within 25-day period above schedule will meet GOI request inasmuch as contemplated action/clearly

renders missiles inoperative.

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