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Memorandum from John McNaughton, General Counsel, Department of Defense, to McGeorge Bundy

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Summary:

One of the few pieces of declassified evidence showing John McNaughton's role in the Jupiter removal process, his report to McGeorge Bundy concerned the "physical operation" to remove the missiles and the related press management. Dismantlement actions would begin on April 1 in Italy and April 15 in Turkey. For both countries, the dismantled missiles would go to a "graveyard." The arrival of Polaris submarines during April would be publicized along with a visit to Turkey around April 14-15. No photographers would be allowed on site, but no "special limitations" would apply when the missiles were in transit. One of McNaughton's concerns was that the dismantling operation be handled in a way that "reduced[d] ... erroneous comparisons with Cuba."

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Here is the role I promised you regarding the JUPITER. convert -- the physical operation and the press hawling.

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 Physical Actions. Air Parce (essentive agent). No buildaners; no surreptitionsness; no "row of sussages" at airbeads.

- TGALY: Star: April 1 (Menday); all 30 mismiles (a) 10 aimed horizontal by April 12 all markeable flows out by April 12; all mismiles hould between 1 and 68 miles into advand by April 22 (3 every 2 days) resulting in a "game syaP" beginning with 3 on April 6 and 23 from April 23 on for a few membre.
- TERMERT: Basic April 15 (Manologi) all 18 outselles (at 5 situs) hurdinessih by April 25 xill warbonds forms out by April 27; all estimates hauled between 20 and 40 unitse into atticned by April 26 (oppeor, one a degl) a "grave yard" haptening with 3 an April 19 and 12 forms April 26 to a few meeths.

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-- POLARD: Arrival in Mediterranean of Palaria submatters and April 16-15 sub visit to Turkey will be unblicked.



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(Special problem: Italy may want to advertise JUPITER removal: Reinhardt in handling thin.)

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