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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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