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Summary:

Bulgarian Charge d'Affaires in the US Kiril Shterev reports to the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that US Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric stated that three submarines carrying Polaris missiles will be deployed to the Mediterranean Sea. The deployment follows US withdrawal from Italian and Turkish bases after the Cuban Missile Crisis.

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To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
From: Washington
Written on 13 February at 1.00 pm

US Deputy Secretary of Defense [Roswell] Gilpatric has stated that US would send three POLARIS submarines on April 11, to replace the missile bases in Turkey and Italy. These submarines are intended to be under the control of the NATO Commander-in-Chief and to be assigned operationally to the Sixth US fleet. The submarines will be based in the port of Rota in Spain.

[Ambassador] SHTEREV[1] Deciphered on 16 February 1963

[1] Kiril Shterev was Charge d'Affaires in US (1962-1963), and Ambassador to Canada (1967-1971), Iran (1973-1979), and Great Britain (1980-1987).