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I had long conversation with Defmin Andreotti this morning
on proposal for replacement JUPITER. His first question was
whether April 1 date was important since he said it would be
much easier for Italian Govt to deal with question from political
point of view after (rpt after) parliamentary elections in spring.
He pointed out left wing campaign against missiles had started up
again and that their removal would be claimed as great victory by
left and condemned as great defeat by right. In reply I said
U.S. Govt deemed it most important that ΔR JUPITER weapons system
be replaced as soon as possible, preferably well before April 1
date.

Andreotti seemed to accept this but went on to explain that
in pre-election period political problem would be difficult to
handle and he was sure Fanfani would have much to say about this
in his forthcoming visit to Washington. Andreotti wondered also

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whether US Govt had given full consideration to damage that
could be done to excellent post-Cuban image resulting from
President's handling of Cuban affair. With respect to Italy
itself, optimum solution to meet both kinds of internal political
attack would of course be Italian two-key participation in POLARIS
submarine operation which he realized was impractical in near
future, and secondly utilization of GARIBALDI. I explained
US position on latter but said we were prepared to study matter
with Italians in connection with development NATO multilateral
nuclear force. He also said it would of course be helpful if
some progress could be made with respect to assistance to Italy
toward their development of nuclear propelled submarine. I said
Gilpatric would be prepared to discuss this with him during his
visit next month.

Andreotti pointed out that missile brigade at Gioia del
Colle had about two thousand Italians engaged in operation,
maintenance , and protection of JUPITER instllations.
Its decommissioning will be graphic step backward for Italy, from
present involvement and participation with U.S. in nuclear defense
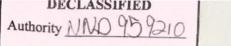of West to one of no participation. I mentioned proposal to

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replace Corporals in SETAF with Sergeants. He acknowledged this would be helpful and seemed to lay as much importance on continued US presence there as on modernization of weapons system. I also mentioned possibility that when planning for MLF launched in NATO, US Govt might be able to accept some officers and technicians from genuinely interested NATO countries to begin studies POLARIS weaponry.

Andreotti said he had not discussed his initial conversation with McNamara with anyone in Italian Govt but that since receipt of Secdef's letter Sunday he had studied it with his Chiefs of Staff and informed President of Republic. He was meeting with Fanfani and Piccioni at noon today and would bring them into picture. I asked him why Cattani had raised question with me before I left for Washington. Andreotti's response was to draw several telegrams from dossier which reported conversations held in Ankara by Turkish Foreign Ministry with Italian Embassy, based on Secstate's and Secdef's conversations with Turks at Paris NATO meeting. They dealt only with proposal to withdraw JUPITERS from Turkey inasmuch as Italian Ambassador involved was not aware that proposal also extended to Italy.

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In messages I saw Turkish position was that they did not (rpt

not) object in principle to dismantling of JUPITERS in Turkey

but would seek in compensation another form of two-key nuclear

participation with U.S. preferably in submarines.

I am seeing Fonmin later this afteroon and Primin thereafter.

WOULD
It ~~will~~ be helpful for future conversations with Italians

if Dept could advise me as soon as possible whether suggestion

made in working group that JUPITER system minus warheads

be left with Italians for space research is practicable.

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