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Foreign Minister informed me last night that GOT now planning reply our note affirmatively but adding that due necessity Parliamentary approval exchange will enter into force only upon ratification by Turkish Parliament. We are unable estimate how long ratification process will take but Foreign Office has assured us that it will be done quickly as possible.

As long as element of agreement exists in exchange it seems unlikely we can avoid drafting it in form which would not legally require submission to GNA, and, in view public interest matter has generated here, it likely GOT would feel need in any case to submit agreement to GNA. In this connection, exchange of notes initiating placement of Jupiters in Turkey and which we are now in effect terminating was also drafted as an agreement, but it was not ratified by GNA which was one of things for which Menderes Government was attacked.

We believe, however, that it may be possible initiate technical level approach prior to GNA ratification without running unacceptable political risk. In fact, Turks, having joined us in presentation to NAC, consider they have made essential decision

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