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PARIS ALSO FOR STOESEL AND McGUIRE.

Reference Department telegrams 1772 and 1778 and POLTO 1155.

1. Embassy has stressed to FONOFF (Cagiati, Head, NATO Section) point made Deptel 1772, and FONOFF undertook coordinate matter promptly with Italian military authorities. At same time however, FONOFF made point early exchange of notes would help ensure full coordination all around.

2. MAAG advises Embassy that as of March 18 MOD officials with whom it in touch re this matter were still without official instructions from own re April 1 date for deactivating and initiating dismantling of Jupiters. political authorities. While FONOFF action noted above will presumably complete this circuit, Embassy agrees early exchange of notes would help button up matter promptly. Accordingly, request signing authority for Ambassador/Minister.

3. In stressing to FONOFF importance achieving now full service-to-service coordination in order ensure dismantling within period requested by GOI, Embassy made point that action to be completed within 25 days includes removal from Italy of nose cones, warheads and guidance systems, and laying missiles in horizontal position, but that salvage of missile hulls and

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disposal of associated administrative equipment (ground support equipment) is enormous task which might take as long as six-eight months. Cagiati replied above schedule will meet GOI request inasmuch as contemplated action/clearly renders missiles inoperative.

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