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**Airgram from the American Embassy Ankara to the
Department of State, 'Milliyet Quotes Foreign
Minister on Nuclear Missiles'**

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Summary:

A report by the newspaper Milliyet cited Foreign Minister Erkin on the Jupiter missiles. According to the Embassy's translation, Erkin said that the Jupiter missile bases would be "dismantled," and that Turkey and the United States were discussing their replacement with Polaris missile launching submarines. When Erkin was asked whether Polaris submarines would be provided, he replied that, "These are details. Talks are continuing." Negotiations were indeed continuing, but it would take six weeks to reach an agreement.

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Independent Milliyet on January 25 carried a news report quoting Foreign Minister ERKIN on the subject of Jupiter and Polaris missiles. An unofficial translation of the relevant paragraph of the article is given below:

"Erkin Discloses Polaris Will be Given"

Ankara, Mehmet Ali Kislali reports: In statement to Milliyet yesterday, Foreign Minister Erkin disclosed that Jupiter missile bases in Turkey would be dismantled and that discussions were in progress on this subject; that it was "on the basis that Polaris fired from atomic submarines would be provided instead of Jupiters." Erkin denied a report published by the New York Times that Polaris would not be given to replace Jupiters. In reply to a question "Will Polaris submarines be furnished along with Polaris missiles?" Erkin said: "These are details. Talks are continuing. I cannot say anything for the present."

For the Ambassador:

Philip Clock
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