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FOLLOWING EMB TRANSLATION SOVIET NOTE 39/OSA, DATED MAY 10 WITH UNESSENTIAL WORDS DELETED:

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GOVT USSR CONSIDERS NECESSARY STATE FOLLOWING TO GOVT USA:

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ON MAY 1 OF THIS YEAR AT 5 HOURS 36 MINUTES MOSCOW TIME A MILITARY AIRCRAFT VIOLATED BOUNDARY USSR AND INTRUDED ACROSS BORDERS OF SOVIET UNION FOR DISTANCE OF MORE THAN 2,000 KILOMETERS. GOVT USSR NATURALLY COULD NOT LEAVE UNPUNISHED SUCH A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF SOVIET STATE BOUNDARIES. WHEN INTENTIONS OF VIOLATING AIRCRAFT BECAME APPARENT, IT WAS SHOT DOWN BY SOVIET ROCKET TROOPS IN AREA OF SVERDLOVSK.



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UPON EXAMINATION BY EXPERTS OF ALL DATA AT DISPOSAL OF SOVIET SIDE, IT WAS INCONTROVERTIBLY ESTABLISHED THAT INTRUDER AIRCRAFT BELONGED TO USA, WAS PERMANENTLY BASED IN TURKEY AND WAS SENT THROUGH PAKISTAN INTO SOV UNION WITH HOSTILE PURPOSES.

AS CHAIRMAN OF USSR COUNCIL MINISTERS N. S. KHRUSHCHEV MADE PUBLIC ON MAY 7 AT FINAL SESSION OF USSR SUPREME SOVIET, EXACT DATA FROM INVESTIGATION LEAVE NO DOUBTS WITH RESPECT TO PURPOSE OF FLIGHT OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WHICH VIOLATED THE USSR BORDER ON MAY 1. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS SPECIALLY EQUIPPED FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND DIVERSIONARY FLIGHT OVER TERRITORY OF SOVIET UNION. IT HAD ON BOARD

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APPARATUS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR DETECTING SOVIET RADAR NETWORK AND OTHER SPECIAL RADIO-TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT WHICH FORM PART OF USSR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES. AT DISPOSAL OF SOVIET EXPERT COMMISSION WHICH CARRIED OUT INVESTIGATION, THERE IS INDISPUTABLE PROOF OF ESPIONAGE-RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OF THE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT: FILMS OF SOVIET DEFENSE AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, A TAPE RECORDING OF SIGNALS OF SOVIET RADAR STATIONS AND OTHER DATA.

PILOT POWERS, ABOUT WHOSE FATE EMB OF USA INQUIRED IN ITS NOTE OF MAY 6, IS ALIVE AND, AS INDICATED IN AFOREMENTIONED SPEECH OF CHAIRMAN OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS N. S. KHRUSHCHEV, WILL BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT UNDER LAWS OF SOV STATE. PILOT HAS INDICATED THAT HE DID EVERYTHING IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH ASSIGNMENT GIVEN HIM. ON FLIGHT MAP TAKEN FROM HIM THERE WAS CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY MARKED ENTIRE ROUTE HE WAS ASSIGNED AFTER TAKE OFF FROM CITY OF ADAN (TURKEY): PESHAWAR (PAKISTAN)- THE URAL SEA-SVERDLOVSK-ARCHANGEL-MURMANSK, FOLLOWED BY A LANDING AT NORWEGIAN AIRFIELD AT BUDE. PILOT HAS ALSO STATED THAT HE SERVED IN SUBUNIT NUMBER 10-10 WHICH UNDER COVER OF NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE AGENCY IS ENGAGED IN HIGH ALTITUDE MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE.

THIS AND OTHER INFO REVEALED IN SPEECHES OF HEAD OF SOVIET GOVT COMPLETELY REFUTED US STATE DEPT'S CONCOCTED AND HURRIEDLY FABRICATED VERSION, RELEASED MAY 5 IN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PRESS, TO EFFECT THAT AIRCRAFT WAS ALLEGEDLY CARRYING OUT METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS IN UPPER STRATA OF ATMOSPHERE ALONG TURKISH-SOVIET BORDER.

AFTER COMPLETE ABSURDITY OF AFOREMENTIONED VERSION HAD BEEN SHOWN AND IT HAD BEEN INCONTROVERTIBLY PROVEN THAT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT INTRUDED ACROSS BORDERS OF SOVIET UNION FOR AGGRESSIVE RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES, A NEW

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ANNOUNCEMENT

WAS MADE BY US STATE DEPT ON MAY 8 WHICH CONTAINED THE FORCED ADMISSION THAT AIRCRAFT WAS SENT INTO SOV UNION FOR MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES AND, BY THAT VERY FACT, IT WAS ADMITTED THAT FLIGHT WAS PURSUING AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

IN THIS WAY, AFTER THREE DAYS, THE STATE DEPT ALREADY HAD TO DENY VERSION WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN INTENDED TO MISLEAD WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL AS PUBLIC OPINION OF AMERICAN ITSELF.

STATE DEPT CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE TO REFER IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT TO "OPEN SKIES" PROPOSAL MADE BY GOVT OF USA IN 1955 AND TO REFUSAL OF SOV GOVT TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL. YES, SOV GOVT, LIKE GOVTS OF MANY OTHER STATES, REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL WHICH WAS INTENDED TO THROW OPEN DOORS OF OTHER NATIONS TO AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE. ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN AVIATION ONLY CONFIRM CORRECTNESS OF EVALUATION GIVEN TO THIS PROPOSAL AT TIME BY SOV GOVT.

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