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Additional Information on C-130 Material (extracted from files on 1 June 1971)

18 September 1958

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19 September 1958

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24 September 1958

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29 September 1958

NSA issued and disseminated by teletype to COMINT offices of Air Force, CIA, and State [redacted] translation of the tape recording [redacted] (Reference 3/0/[redacted]/T60-58, ~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~, [redacted]

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30 September 1958

USIB in executive session considered the question of releasing the intercepted Soviet conversations for use in representations to the Soviet Government and for possible later publication. No formal minutes were made of the executive session.

According to a Memorandum for Record, dated 12 November 1958, and signed by Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Department of State, John A. Samford, National Security Agency, and James H. Walsh, U.S. Air Force, --

> "The United States Intelligence Board, in executive session on 30 September 1958, authorized the public release of the intercept information, provided that agreement was obtained [redacted]."

1 October 1958

NSA received [redacted] a second reel of tape recording of the 2 September conversations among Soviet fighter pilots engaged in the operation against the C-130.

2 October 1958

A meeting was held at CIA between [redacted] intelligence representatives. The following record of the meeting was presented by the Chairman of USIB at a meeting of USIB on 3 February 1959:

> "A meeting was held on 2 October 1958 at which there were present [redacted]. At this meeting [redacted] stated that they would reluctantly concur in the use of the tape from a technical and intelligence point of view, provided that prior concurrence [redacted] was obtained."

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3 October 1958

NSA, having analyzed and translated the second reel of tape recording [redacted] issued a single complete translation of the material recorded on both reels (reference 2/0/[redacted]/ T01-58, ~~SECRET PIVOT~~). NSA cancelled and requested holders to destroy the previously mentioned translation of 29 September (3/0/[redacted]/T60-58, ~~TOP~~

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~~SECRET EIDER~~, [redacted] which covered only the first reel [redacted]. The downgrading of the material from Category III to Category II was made possible by the elimination of certain Category III material used in first instance.

[redacted]

10 October 1958

NSA analysts discovered articles in Sovetskaya Aviatsia for 19 and 20 September, which apparently related to the C-130 incident and reported some details of Soviet fighter pilot conversations that coincided in material particulars with the COMINT intercepts of such conversations on 2 September.

15 October 1958

NSA issued a report analyzing all available COMINT on the shoot-down of the C-130 and relating the COMINT to the articles published in Sovetskaya Aviatsia (3/0/[redacted]/R182-58, ~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~, [redacted]).

[redacted]

31 October 1958

Two NSA analysts came to the State Department at the request of INR and conducted an audition of the tape recordings for Mr. Cumming (INR), Mr. Reinhardt (Counselor), Mr. Arneson (INR), Mr. Service and Mr. Freers (Bureau of European Affairs), and Mr. Henry of INR.

5 November 1958

Colonel S. W. Fitzgerald, Air Force Intelligence, forwarded to INR with covering letter the following material relating to the C-130 incident: (1) a reel of tape; (2) three copies of English translation;

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(3) three copies of Russian transcription; (4) three copies of a Russian-English transcription; and (5) a translation and evaluation of the 19 and 20 September articles in Soviet Aviation. The covering letter stated:

> "With reference to (1) through (4), General Walsh has asked that you contact [redacted] NSA, for a final clearance prior to actual release from special channels."

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12 November 1958

The text of a Memorandum for the Record, dated 12 November 1958 and signed by General Walsh, General Samford and Mr. Cumming, included the following:

> "3. The United States Intelligence Board, in executive session on 30 September 1958, authorized the public release of the intercept information, [redacted].
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> "4. [redacted] no objection from a COMINT technical viewpoint to the release of the intercept information on the crash of the C-130. [redacted]
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> "5. Two intercept tapes have been prepared by NSA; the first a complete recording of all Russian voice communications which were intercepted; the second, excerpts containing highlights of the Soviet firing on the U.S. aircraft. Transcriptions in Russian and English of both tapes have been made by NSA. The excerpts are to be played to the Soviet Ambassador to the United States and the Soviet Air Attache by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, on or about 14 November 1958. The transcriptions are to be declassified by cutting off the classification stamps and are to be given to the Soviet Ambassador at that time.
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> "6. Further release of the information may be made to the public pending the decisions reached by the Department of State, the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Defense."

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13 November 1958

Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy made a lengthy oral presentation to Soviet Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov. Mr. Murphy offered to have played for the Ambassador a recording of the radio conversation between the Soviet pilots who had shot down the C-130. The Ambassador refused to listen to the recording. Mr. Murphy then gave the Ambassador a transcript in Russian of the recording. (See State Department press release of 5 February 1959 for details).

3 February 1959

USIB Executive Session.
Papers in USIB-D-9.2/6, 4 February 1959, EYES ONLY.

5 February 1959

Press Release of 5 February 1959, on U.S. representations to Soviet Government regarding the C-130 shoot-down.

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Additional USIB EYES ONLY papers (USIB-D-9.2/8, 9.2/9, 9.2/10, 9.2/11).