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Visited our bombing crew moved from far east to private quarters near Penza. All excellent and personal welfare could not be better provided for. Their only desire is to repeat performance. Captain York reports: Route-carrier to Tokio direct, thence to south for 20 miles then inland; generally northwest avoiding cities, altitude 100 feet above terrain, highest altitude 5000 feet above sea level. Flew across Japan sea direct to coast near Vladivostok. Industrial area on west edge of Tokio Bays. Large factory building received direct hit on roof, result others not known. 1 formation of 3 fighters sighted near Tokio about 2000 feet but did not see us; another formation of 7 fighters sighted at high altitude over Tokio which did not attack us. No anti-aircraft or balloon barrages no camouflage ascertained, weather clear and unlimited along entire route no known. Equipment functioned excellently except for excessive fuel consumption which was 92 gallons per hour, believe that take off too far from objective. Films left in camera and report. Have requested Soviets to turn over films for forwarding.

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