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By LLB NARA, Date 12-15-12

1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORAL PROTEST MADE BY SOV CHIEF
CONTROLLER IN BASC TO US ACTING CHIEF CONTROLLER AT 1315 LOCAL TIME
JUNE 24:

BEGIN TEXT

TODAY, 24 JUNE 1964, AMERICAN MILITARY H-34 NO. R883
DELIBERATELY VIOLATED THE AIR SPACE OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC AT TIME 1003 TO 1018 MOSCOW TIME AND FLEW OVER THE
DEMOCRATIC SECTOR OF BERLIN. THE SOVIET ELEMENT IN BASC CONSIDERS
SUCH VIOLATIONS AS PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS AND DECLINES ALL RESPON-
SIBILITIES FOR THE SAFETY OF THESE HELICOPTERS. I PROTEST IN THE
MOST STRONGEST TERMS AND DEMAND TO STOP THESE PROVOCATIVE FLIGHTS.
IF THESE FLIGHTS BY MILITARY HELICOPTERS OVER THE AIR SPACE OF THE
GDR ARE ROVATED, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS VIOLATORS OF THE
AIR SPACE WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES, RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH
WILL REST WITH THE AIGBSTC AUTHORITIES. END TEXT.

2. AFTER MAKING THE ABOVE STATEMENT THE SOV CHIEF
CONTROLLER EMPHASIZED THAT THIS PROTEST WAS A WARNING AND SHOULD
BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. HE FURTHER CALLED ATTENTION TO THE INCIDENTS
THAT HAPPENED IN JANUARY AND MARCH OF 1964 AND THAT THINGS LIKE
THAT WERE NOT PLEASANT FOR HIS AUTHORITIES AND FOR THE AMERICAN

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AUTHORITIES. HE WAS ASKED IF LATTER COMMENT WAS PART OF OFFICIAL PROTEST AND HE SAID IT WAS NOT. ON REQUEST HE REPEATED ESSENCE OF ABOVE COMMENT.

3. COMMENT: ACTUAL PROTEST IS SOMEWHAT WHAT MORE EXTENSIVE THAN SIMILIAR STATEMENTS MADE IN PAST. TERMS USED ARE NOT HARSHER THAN THOSE WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO, THOUGH THEY ARE REPEATED MORE OFTEN THAN IS CUSTOMARY IN SINGLE PROTEST. CHIEF CONTROLLER PROTESTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON ROUGHLY HALF OF OCCASIONS WHEN SUCH HELICOPTER FLIGHTS HAVE OCCURRED IN PAST YEAR.

MOST INTERSTING PART OF STATEMENT IS PERSONAL COMMENT. WE ASSUME IT WAS MADE ON INSTRUCTIONS, THOUGH APPARENTLY SOV CHIEF CONTROLLER DID NOT HAVE PRECISE TEXT TO FOLLOW. MONTHS TO WHICH HE REFERRED WERE THOSE IN WHICH SHOOTING DOWN OF T-39 AND RB-66 OCCURRED RESPECTIVELY. INTENT WAS EVIDENTLY TO STEP UP SEVERITY OF PROTEST BY USE OF INDIRECT THREATS, BUT TO DO SO OFFTHE RECORD. SHARPNESS OF ENTIRE PROTEST IS THEREFORE MORE MARKED THAN AVERAGE BUT FALLS SHORT OF DIRECT, OUTRIGHT THREAT CONVEYED IN AUGUST 1962 (THREAT TO SHOOT DOWN HELICOPTER OVER KARLSHORST).

IN ASSESSING SOV MOTIVES FOR PUTTING THREAT IN THIS INFORMAL AND INDIRECT WAY, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THEY WISH TO PRESS US HARDER ON THIS PARTICULAR OCCASION BUT DO NOT WISH TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THREAT WHICH THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF CARRYING OUT.

4. SINCE PERSONAL COMMENT IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, WE ARE REQUESTING FROM BONN AUTHORITY TO MAKE STANDARD REPLY BUT, IN ADDITION, TO TAKE EXCEPTION TO IRRESPONSIBLE AND PROVOCATIVE ADDITIONAL COMMENT BY SOVIET CHEIF CONTROLLER. GP-3
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