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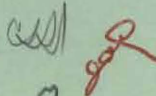
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Comment: Had US aircraft been flying at 5500 feet, a hazard to flight safety might have existed. However, this assumes that Soviet aircraft would have followed same flight path and ignored presence of Allied aircraft. This seems unlikely to us.

In general it has been Allied policy to protest only such Soviet air activity as violates quadripartite rules of flight. When incidents occur where particularly dangerous flying by Soviet aircraft has taken place, but where flight rules have not been technically violated, exceptions to this general policy have been and should continue to be made. Although we would be concerned if pattern of Soviet flight activity appeared to be developing which could pose threat to flying safety, we do not believe case at hand warrants drawing such a conclusion. We therefore recommend against raising issue with Soviets.

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