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TOKYO SEP 15, REUTER - THE SOVIET PILOT WHO LANDED THE TOP SECRET MIG-25 FOXBAT COMBAT PLANE IN NORTHERN JAPAN LAST WEEK SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES OF HIS OWN FREE WILL, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID TODAY.

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN KENSUKE YANAGIYA DENIED A SOVIET ALLEGATION CARRIED BY THE OFFICIAL TASS NEWSAGENCY YESTERDAY THAT FIRST LIEUTENANT VIKTOR BELENKO HAD BEEN ""COMPELLED"" TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE WEST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PILOT TOLD JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HE HAD COME TO JAPAN DETERMINED TO DEFECT. HE LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES LAST WEEK.

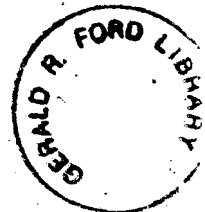
MR. YANAGIYA SAID THE PILOT TOLD THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HE DID NOT WANT TO MEET SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN TOKYO.

BUT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES PURSUADED HIM TO ALLOW THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO MAKE CONTACT ""IN ORDER TO AVOID THE SOVIET UNION'S MISUNDERSTANDING,"" MR. YANAGIYA SAID.

HE ALSO DENIED A TASS ALLEGATION THAT THE MEETING ""SHOWED THAT V.I. BELENKO WAS NOT IN A NORMAL STATE AND WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS OR SOME OTHER DRUG.""

LIEUTENANT BELENKO, 29, WAS GRANTED ASYLUM ON THE INSTRUCTION OF PRESIDENT FORD AND LEFT HERE FOR THE U.S. LAST THURSDAY.

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JAPANESE TO DISMANTLE, TRANSFER SOVIET MIG TO MILITARY AIRFIELD

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(TEXT) TOKYO, SEPT. 15-(AFP)--JAPANESE DEFENCE AUTHORITIES ARE TO DISMANTLE AND TRANSFER TO A MILITARY AIRFIELD THE SOVIET MIG-25 AIRCRAFT LANDED AT HOKKAIDO, IN NORTHERN JAPAN, BY A DEFECTING SOVIET PILOT LAST WEEK, IT WAS LEARNED HERE TODAY.

JAPANESE DEFENCE AGENCY SOURCES SAID DISMANTLING WOULD START ON FRIDAY.

THE AGENCY HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN TRANSPORTING THE SOPHISTICATED INTERCEPTOR FROM THE COMMERCIAL AIRFIELD AT HOKKAIDO TO A JAPANESE DEFENCE AGENCY AIRFIELD ABOARD A GIANT U.S. AIRFORCE C-5 GALAXY AIRCRAFT, THE SOURCES SAID.

THE SOURCES SAID IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT A WEEK TO DISMEMBER THE MIG, IN PARTICULAR REMOVING THE WINGS AND TAIL SECTIONS.

DEFENCE AGENCY EXPERTS WILL MAKE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE PLANE AT THE MILITARY AIR BASE, THE SOURCES SAID.

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Press guidance on Belenko defection

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINR, GE, UR

SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF MIG PILOT

REF: BERLIN 6686 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR MAY USE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IF AMBASSADOR
ABRASIMOV ASKS AND PRESSES ABOUT MIG-25 CASE:

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE MIG-25 CASE IN JAPAN?

A. THE PILOT HAS REQUESTED AND BEEN GRANTED POLITICAL
ASYLUM IN THE US. HE ARRIVED THERE LAST WEEK. THE
AIRCRAFT IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
WHICH WILL DETERMINE ITS ULTIMATE DISPOSITION.

Q. DON'T YOU THINK THE GOJ SHOULD RETURN THE SOVIET
AIRCRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?

A. ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THE PLANE IS UP TO THE
JAPANESE.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PILOT BELENKO IN THE US?

A. BELENKO MADE ORAL AND WRITTEN STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT
THAT HE WISHED TO COME TO THE US FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.
FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, HE HAS BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION
TO ENTER THE US WHERE HE IS NOW.

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Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT US TECHNICIANS
HAVE NOW EXAMINED THE AIRCRAFT?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, TASS STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 14
WAS SEVERELY CRITICAL OF BOTH JAPANESE AND US INVOLVEMENT
IN THIS MATTER. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT COMMENTED ON TASS
STATEMENT AND EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RESPOND TO INQUIRIES
UNLESS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING. ROBINSON
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SUBJECT: SOVIETS BLAST JAPAN OVER MIG DEFECTOR

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOW BROKEN THEIR TOTAL PUBLIC SILENCE OVER THE MIG DEFECTION INCIDENT WITH A BITTER TASS STATEMENT SAYING THAT JAPAN'S HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT IS "UNFRIENDLY TO THE SOVIET UNION," THAT IT "FLOUTS ELEMENTARY NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW" AND THAT IT "AGGRAVATES SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS". A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN VERY "HIGH-HANDED" AND PEREMPTORY IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE JAPANESE. RELATIONS HAVE BECOME "VERY BAD", HE SAID, IN CONTRAST TO THE POSITIVE MOOD ONLY ONE MONTH AGO WHEN BREZHNEV RECEIVED A JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S DELEGATION. THE JAPANESE ALSO SEE THE SOVIET PRESS GIVING PUBLIC EXPRESSION TO THIS SHARP WORSENING OF RELATIONS. END

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SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT DEPARTMENT AND TOKYO HAVE FBIS TEXT OF TASS STATEMENT, WHICH WAS ISSUED LATE IN THE EVENING ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND CARRIED IN PRAVDA AND OTHER CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 15. KEY POINTS OF THE STATEMENT ARE:

-- BELENKO STRAYED OFF COURSE AND MADE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN JAPAN.

-- THE JAPANESE WHISKED BELENKO AWAY, APPARENTLY AGAINST HIS WILL.

-- THE JAPANESE DID NOT PERMIT CONSULAR ACCESS FOR NEARLY FOUR DAYS, THEREBY VIOLATING THE JAPAN-SOVIET CONSULAR CONVENTION, AND THE EVENTUAL MEETING WAS A "FARCE." BELENKO WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS "OR OTHER MEANS."

-- "THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE INTERFERED", WITH JAPANESE "CONVIYANCE."

-- U.S. STATEMENTS ON GRANTING ASYLUM WERE "INSTIGATORY" AND WERE MADE FOR ELECTORAL REASONS.

-- THE SOVIET NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 9 DESCRIBED JAPANESE ACTIONS AS "OPENLY UNFRIENDLY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION", AND SAID THAT FAILURE TO RETURN THE PLANE AND THE PILOT WOULD AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS.

-- JAPAN HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE NOTE AND ITS ACTIONS HAVE BEEN "UNFRIENDLY TO THE SOVIET UNION, FLOUTING ELEMENTARY NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW." JAPAN'S BEHAVIOR "AGGRAVATES SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS, THEIR PRESENT AND THEIR FUTURE."

3. IN A CONVERSATION SHORTLY BEFORE THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED, JAPANESE EMBOFF ORITA (PROTECT) TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE SOVIETS WERE "FURIOUS" WITH THE JAPANESE OVER THE INCIDENT. ORITA SAID THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN HAD CALLED IN THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND 9 TO DELIVER VERY HARSH MESSAGES DEMANDING THE RETURN OF THE PLANE AND THE PILOT. "IT'S AS IF THEY BLAME US FOR CAUSING THE INCIDENT," ORITA SAID. FIRYUBIN HAD BEEN "EXTREMELY HIGH-HANDED", ALMOST INSULTING, IN HIS MANNER TO AMBASSADOR SHIGEMITSU, SAID ORITA, AND AMBASSADOR POLYANSKIY HAD DISPLAYED THE SAME "HIGH-HANDED" APPROACH IN HIS TALKS AT THE JAPANESE MFA. THE SEPTEMBER 9 CALLS IN BOTH CAPITALS INCLUDED DELIVERY OF A SOVIET NOTE, WHICH, ORITA SAID, INCLUDED THREATENING LANGUAGE ON POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE SOVIETS HAD OFFERED NO APOLOGY OR EXPLANATION FOR THE VIOLATION OF JAPANESE AIR SPACE, SAID ORITA, AND HAD CLAIMED THAT THE JAPANESE TV FOOTAGE SHOWED THE PILOT BEING LED AWAY "FORCIBLY" (A CLAIM WHICH APPEARS IN THE TASS STATEMENT). ORITA SAID THAT WHEN FIRYUBIN ALLUDED TO "PRESSURE FROM THIRD

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COUNTRIES", SHIGEMITSU HAD REACTED INDIGNANTLY, ASSERTING THAT JAPAN WAS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY FULLY CAPABLE OF DECIDING ITS OWN POLICIES AND PRACTICES, AND THAT HE FOUND THE SOVIET POSITION INSULTING AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE. ACCORDING TO ORITA, FIRYUBIN SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER HAD ANYONE TALK TO HIM IN THIS WAY BEFORE. ORITA CONCLUDED THAT RELATIONS ARE "VERY BAD, VERY BAD INDEED".

4. RELATIONS HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO DETERIORATE EVEN BEFORE THE HIG INCIDENT, SAID ORITA, WHO REFERRED TO THE ISSUES RAISED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE WEEKLY JOURNAL "NOVOYE VRENYA" (ISSUE DATED SEPTEMBER 10, ARTICLE DATED SEPTEMBER 6). THE ARTICLE, BY ST. LEVCHENKO, BLASTED JAPAN'S "TERRITORIAL CLAIMS" AND LINKED THEM TO JAPANESE MILITARY EXPANSIONISM IN WORLD WAR II. THE EVENT WHICH TRIGGERED THE COMMENTARY WAS A "NORTHERN TERRITORIES" RALLY IN HOKKAIDO WHICH REPORTEDLY REVIVED ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS USED DURING THE WAR. THE ARTICLE ALSO DENOUNCED FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S REPORTED PLANS TO VISIT HOKKAIDO TO TAKE A PERSONAL LOOK AT THE KURILES. LEVCHENKO ALSO SOUGHT TO REBUT JAPANESE REACTION AGAINST THE SOVIET REFUSAL TO PERMIT VISITS TO JAPANESE GRAVES ON SAKHALIN AND THE KURILES BY SAYING THAT THE QUESTION INVOLVED TRAVEL WITHOUT PASSPORTS AND VISAS AND WAS THEREBY AN ATTEMPT TO QUESTION SOVIET SOVEREIGNTY. (ORITA SAID THAT THE JAPANESE FIND IT IRONIC THAT MOSCOW REGULARLY DENOUNCES PEKING FOR REFUSING SOVIET REQUESTS FOR GRAVE VISITS IN CHINA.) THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY LINKING ALL THIS "ANTI-SOVIET NOISE" TO LDP EFFORTS TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC SCANDALS.

5. ANOTHER VERY HARSH ARTICLE APPEARS IN PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ON SEPTEMBER 15 OVER THE SIGNATURE OF TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER A. BIRYUKOV. THE ITEM MENTIONS MIYAZAWA'S PLANS AND CHARGES THAT "CERTAIN JAPANESE POLITICAL FIGURES (ARE) ATTEMPTING TO WARM THEIR HANDS" OVER THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES CAMPAIGN, "THE GOAL OF WHICH IS TO WORSEN SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS," BIRYUKOV DESCRIBES THE JAPANESE CLAIMS AS "BASELESS AND ILLEGAL".

6. ORITA COMMENTED THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH THE MORE POSITIVE TONE FOLLOWING BREZHNEV'S MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S DELEGATION ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, AND THE DETERIORATION WAS ACCELERATING, HE CONCLUDED.

7. COMMENT: THE TASS STATEMENT ON THE HIG INCIDENT MAKES PUBLIC WHAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN TELLING THE JAPANESE IN PRIVATE OVER THE PAST WEEK. AS SUCH, IT RAISES THE

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LEVEL OF OUTRAGE ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT NOTCH, ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT THREATEN ANY SPECIFIC SOVIET ACTION. BY VOICING SUCH OUTRAGE AND THREATENING WORSE RELATIONS, IT MAINLY SHOWS SOVIET FRUSTRATION AND HELPLESSNESS IN THE SITUATION. HOWEVER, MOSCOW MAY HOPE THAT MAKING ITS POSITION PUBLIC COULD INDUCE THE JAPANESE TO PAUSE AND TO TEMPORIZE IN GRANTING ACCESS TO THE PLANE TO "THIRD COUNTRIES", AND PERHAPS EVEN TO SPEED UP ITS RETURN TO SOVIET HANDS. THE SOVIETS MAY FEEL THAT THEIR SIMILAR TACTICS LAST YEAR OVER THE "HEGEMONISM" ISSUE PREVENTED THE CONCLUSION OF THE JAPAN-CHINA TREATY AND HAS KEPT THE JAPANESE WARY OVER UNBALANCING THEIR FOREIGN RELATIONS TO MOSCOW'S DISADVANTAGE.

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THE COUNSELOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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September 15, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt *HS*
SUBJECT: Reply to Brezhnev on Soviet Pilot

Attached is a proposed response to Brezhnev to his message to the President delivered on September 8.

I assume you will want to send this to Henry for his approval. But I think the reply should probably go forward in the next few days so it is out of the way before Gromyko gets here on the weekend. He may well make additional public statements (see TASS "Who Needs It?" of September 14) and it seems just as well to be on record with Brezhnev.

I have no information on the whereabouts of the pilot. When Vorontsov asked me last week whether they will be able to talk to him, in view of the "farcical" interview in Japan, I did not respond. But they might renew the effort. (We have no such obligation under existing agreements in asylum cases.)

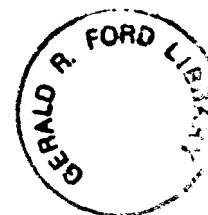
Please note that the proposed response does not explicitly address Brezhnev's very last point about access to the aircraft since this is an issue solely between ourselves and Japan.

RECOMMENDATION

That you review this promptly and send it on to HAK for approval.

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BY Gb, NARA, DATE 2/20/01



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Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I have studied with ^{care} [attention] your message ^q ~~which was delivered to the White House~~ on September 8, 1976.

Your message reflects a number of misapprehensions on your part concerning the matter of the Soviet pilot who landed in Japan. There was no initiative of any kind by the United States with respect to this pilot. Upon his arrival in Japan he signified his desire to seek asylum in ^{The United States} ~~our country~~. Using normal and accepted procedures in such cases to confirm the genuineness and voluntary character of this request, the United States Government followed its traditional policy. In view of widespread public interest in the matter, it was considered appropriate to make known, by means of a public announcement, that it had been decided to respect the wishes of the pilot. Consequently, I cannot accept the assertions in your message that the United States was either "eager" to take the pilot or "urged" him in any way to take the action he did. No action of the United States involved either violence, ~~or~~ unlawful methods ^{or persuasion.}

I will welcome the opportunity to receive your Foreign Minister when he visits Washington and look forward to a comprehensive discussion of our relations. I am, of course, prepared to discuss the above matter with Mr. Gromyko if that is his desire but wanted to be certain even before then



that there should be no further misapprehensions on your part concerning the actual facts.

It is not of course appropriate for me to comment on aspects of this case that are entirely a matter between Japan and the Soviet Union.

May I state in conclusion that I and my Administration remain committed to the course of improved relations between our countries on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit and restraint. I will look forward to the talks with Mr. Gromyko in that spirit.

Yours sincerely,



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*Arrangements for exploitation
of Mig-25 are moving forward
along lines of C-5 scenario -
cabinet reshuffle expected
to pose no problems*

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SUBJECT: MIG-25
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1. MEDIA SEPTEMBER 15 SURFACED STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO "KNOWLEDGABLE SOURCES" TO EFFECT THAT JDA AND MOFA WERE NOW CONSIDERING C-5A TRANSPORT OF MIG, ALONG LINES PARA 2 REPTEL. REPORTS NOTED THAT THIS WAS JDA PROPOSAL AND THAT MOFA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE BAD EFFECT ON SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT WAS PREPARED TO GO ALONG IF THIS WAS ONLY SOLUTION. (ACCORDING TO NHK ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LANGUAGE NEWS, MOFA REMAINED OPPOSED TO USE OF C-5A, BUT MOFA SOURCES TOLD US "THEY WERE PRESUMABLY TRANSLATING STALE NEWS".)

2. ENBOFF MET WITH FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF SATO SEPT. 16 TO RE-EMPHASIZE URGENCY TO WORK OUT PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPLOITING MIG. SATO SAID GOJ CONSIDERATION OF MATTER HAD MOVED FROM EXPLORATORY STAGE TO PREPARATION OF CONCRETE



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PROPOSAL WHICH HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT SOON, POSSIBLY BY WEEKEND. PROPOSAL WILL BE ALONG LINES C5 AIRLIFT SCENARIO. SATO SAID THAT PROPOSAL HAS BEEN CLEARED BY JDA MINISTER SAKATA AND BY MOFA VICE MINISTER SATO. SATO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT FOMMIN KOSAKA WOULD APPROVE PROPOSAL WITHOUT DELAY, AND THOUGHT THERE WAS 50-50 CHANCE THAT PRIME MINISTER'S APPROVAL COULD BE OBTAINED SOMETIME SEPTEMBER 17TH.

3. DATT [REDACTED] MET SAME DAY WITH JDA VICE MINISTER MARUYAMA WHO CONFIRMED JOA FONOFF AGREEMENT ON C-5 SCENARIO AND SAID THAT USG COULD EXPECT VERY GOOD NEWS SOON. HE SAID DETAILS NOW UNDER SCRUTINY BY CABINET LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE AND THAT CABINET CHIEF SECRETARY ALREADY BRIEFED. SEPARATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN AIRATT AND JASOF GENERAL NAMATAME DISCLOSED THAT JASOF NOW WORKING OUT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF C-5 SCENARIO WHEN APPROVED. AIRATT REPORTING DETAILS SEPARATELY.

4. IN CONTACTS TODAY, WE RELIEVED NOT TO HAVE DETECTED ANY INDICATION THAT RECENT CABINET RESHUFFLE LIKELY TO AFFECT FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

5. DESPITE TASS CRITICISM OF JAPAN IN REGARD TO BELENKO DEFECTION AND DISPOSITION OF MIG, GIVEN MODEST COVERAGE HERE, LOCAL SOVIET REACTION RATHER LOW KEY. KEIDANREN THOUGHT AMBASSADOR POLANSKY MIGHT BEG OFF DINNER KEIDANREN HAS INVITED HIM TO AS GESTURE OF APPRECIATION OF OOKO'S RECEPTION IN MOSCOW, BUT HE ATTENDED IN GOOD SPIRITS. SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE (DOYEN OF ATTACHE CORPS) HARDLY MENTIONED MIG AT ATTACHE LUNCH SEPTEMBER 16, AND SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR AT LUNCH WITH EMBOFF SAME DAY CRITICIZED JAPANESE BEHAVIOR (HE AVOIDED CRITICISM OF US), AND HANDED OVER COPY OF TASS PIECE, BUT HANDLED ISSUE IN UNEMOTIONAL FASHION (SEPTEL).

5. DAD INFORMED THAT UK AMBASSADOR ON INSTRUCTION HAS ASKED MOFA FOR ACCESS TO MIG, BUT WE REGARD THIS AS PRO FORMA GESTURE NOT LIKELY TO COMPLICATE SCENARIO.
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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INFORMATION
September 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: Mr. Clift 

SUBJECT: Telegram to the President from
Belenko's Mother and Wife



The mother and wife of Lt. Belenko, the recent Soviet defector, on September 17 sent the President a telegram (at Tab A) from Khabarovsk urging that he assist in Belenko's return to the USSR. Our informal translation of the telegram is as follows:

"The President. The White House. From the mother and wife of Belenko. Our son and husband ~~could~~ not voluntarily remain abroad. For us, this is a great misfortune. We earnestly ask (beg) that you render assistance in his return home. L.S. Belenko. L.P. Belenko."

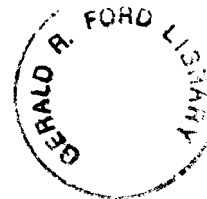
The telegram, which appears to be genuine, is another example of the Soviets' great unhappiness over the episode and aching desire to get their hands on Belenko again. If all else fails, try the heartstrings.

I forward the telegram for your information. No further action is necessary.

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 I would note that you probably will wish to pass the telegram to CIA for the Agency's Belenko file. 

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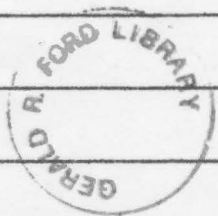
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SUBJECT: *Wife of Walter of Lt Belenko seek his return to the USSR*

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: HARR, JA,

SUBJECT: MIG-25: BUSH STATEMENT

REF: TOKYO 14137

1. MOST OF QUESTIONS PUT TO CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH, WHO APPEARED ON "ABC NEWS' ISSUES AND ANSWERS" PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 19 DEALT WITH AFRICA, CIA OPERATIONS AND POLICY ROLE. JOHN SCALI AND BOB CLARK DID INTERVIEW. VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION RELEVANT TO MIG-25 FOLLOWS:

QUESTION (MR. SCALI) MR. BUSH, IF I COULD GO TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION IN THE VERY FEW SECONDS WE HAVE LEFT, A SOVIET FLIER WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FLY AN ADVANCED MODEL MIG 25 FOXBAT TO TOKYO AND OUR PEOPLE, ALONG WITH OTHERS, HAVE TAKEN A LOOK AT IT. IS THIS TE INTELLIGENCE BONANZA IT HAS BEEN PICTURED TO BE?

MR. BUSH. THIS COULD BE A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE BONANZA FOR THE FREE WORLD.

QUESTION (MR. SCALI) COULD YOU TELL US WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE WAY OF SECRETS --

MR. BUSH. NO, I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHAT ERWE HAVE LEARNED YET. I EXPECT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO READ THAN IN AVIATION WEEK VERY SOON, BUT I CAN JUST TELL YOU THAT IT COULD BE AND PROBABLY IS A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE BONANZA FOR JAPAN, FOR NATO, WHO EVENTUALLY MAY BE ABLE TO SHARE IN

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THE PRODUCT, AND CERTAINLY FOR THE UNITED STATES.

QUESTION (MR. SCALI) DID HE COME OVER OF HIS OWN FREE WILL OR DID YOUR AGENCY SOMEHOW MANEUVER THIS?

MR. BUSH. HE CAME OVER OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

MR. CLARK. THE RUSSIAN PILOT, OF COURSE, IS IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE MOMENT. IS HE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEBRIEFED BY THE CIA?

MR. BUSH. HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEBRIEFED PERIOD.

MR. CLARK. HOW LONG WOULD YOU EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE?

MR. BUSH. IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME. IT IS GOING WELL.

MR. CLARK. I AM SORRY, WE ARE NOW OUT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR GUEST ON ISSUES AND ANSWERS. ROBINSON
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SUBJECT: SHARING MIG EXPLOITATION DATA
REF: STATE 228095

1. EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED REPTEL INFO TO FONOFF AND DATT
TO JDA. BOTH MOST APPRECIATIVE.

2. ALTHOUGH DATT HAS IMPRESSION THAT JASDF MIGHT BE
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN BELENKO INTERROGATION,
FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF SATO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT
GOJ WOULD DECLINE OFFER FOR INTERROGATION PARTICIPATION,
AT LEAST FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. WE BELIEVE, NEVERTHELESS, THAT
EXTENSION OF OFFER HAS DESIRED EFFECT OF DEMONSTRATING WE REGARD
EXPLOITATION OF MIG-25 INCIDENT AS TWO-WAY STREET, AND
APPRECIATE RAPID RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTION.

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Japanese discussions re
movement of MIG-25 ad
return of aircraft to Soviets.

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1. THIS IS I.R. NO. [Redacted]
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By dal NARA, Date 12/9/11

6. (S [Redacted] WVINTEL) [Redacted] MET WITH ADM SAMEJIMA, CHMN JSC, 21 SEP 76 FOR APPROX ONE HOUR. HE STATED THAT PERMISSION TO MOVE MIG TO HYAKURI JASDF BASE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOVERNOR IBARAKI PREFECTURE, BUT CITY COUNCIL WAS AGAINST THE MOVE. GEN TSUNODA WAS TO MEET WITH COUNCIL REPS AND ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THEM TO ACCEPT PLAN.

COMMENTS: (U) IT IS SOP FOR CIVIC GROUPS TO RESIST GOVMT DESIRES IMPINGING ON THEIR TURF, BE IT SITES FOR NUCLEAR PLANTS, AIRPORT BUILDING, ETC, SO THATT
EY CAN BE PAID OFF BY ROAD CONSTRUCTION, NEW CIVIC BUILDINGS, OR BY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.



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IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS IS THE CASE WITH THE HYAKURI CITY
FATHERS.

(S/ [REDACTED] /WHINTEL) CHHN DISCUSSED FINAL RETURN OF MIG
TO SOVIETS AND PREDICTED IT WOULD BE SENT TO MITO PORT AND
THERE TRANSFERRED TO SOVIET SHIP. HE FURTHER STATED THAT
JASDF EXPERTS WERE AMAZED AT LACK OF MIG SOPHISTICATION AND
POOR CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED.

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USSR GIVES JAPANESE ENVOY PROTEST NOTE ON MIG INCIDENT

OW221253 TOKYO KYODO IN ENGLISH 1238 GMT 22 SEP 76 OW

(TEXT) TOKYO, SEPT 22, KYODO--THE SOVIET UNION WEDNESDAY CHARGED THAT JAPAN HAS AGGRAVATED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BY FORCIBLY HANDING OVER TO THE UNITED STATES A RUSSIAN DEFECTOR AIR FORCE OFFICER WHO, IT ALLEGED, MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

THE CHARGE WAS MADE IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROTEST DELIVERED TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KEISUKE ARITA AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN DMITRIY POLYANSKIY.

IT WAS THE SECOND STATEMENT FILED BY THE SOVIET UNION WITH JAPAN IN SEPTEMBER 6 INCIDENT IN WHICH THE SOVIET PILOT, LIEUTENANT VIKTOR IVANOVICH BELENKO, FLEW TO A COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IN HOKKAIDO IN A SOVIET TOP-SECRET MIG-25 COMBAT PLANE TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE PREVIOUS ONE, DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE PILOT, WAS DELIVERED ALSO. TO ARITA BY POLYANSKIY ON SEPTEMBER 9 ONLY HOURS BEFORE THE DEFECTOR WAS FLOWN TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE LATEST STATEMENT SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION, IN MAKING THE DEMAND, ASKED JAPAN TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN MAKING THE DECISION ON THE INCIDENT.

JAPAN, HOWEVER, "CHOSE TO STRAIN THE JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS" BY DELIBERATELY DISREGARDING THE SOVIET DEMAND, IT SAID.

FOLLOWING REPEATED REQUESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION FOR PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW BELENKO BY A SOVIET OFFICIAL ON THE BASIS OF JAPAN-SOVIET CONSULAR AGREEMENT, THE STATEMENT SAID JAPAN FINALLY ALLOWED SUCH AN INTERVIEW SHORTLY BEFORE THE PILOT WAS HANDED OVER TO THE UNITED STATES. BUT THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN SUCH AN "ABNORMAL CONDITION" THAT BELENKO WAS SURROUNDED BY JAPANESE POLICEMEN AND OTHER AUTHORITIES, IT SAID.

THIS CLEARLY SHOWED THAT THE SOVIET PILOT WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF "NARCOTICS" SO THAT HE COULD NOT TALK FREELY WITH THE SOVIET OFFICIAL, THE STATEMENT SAID.

UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SOVIET OFFICIAL COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT THE SOVIET PILOT WAS WISHING TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES OF HIS OWN FREE WILL, IT SAID.

THE STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT BELENKO WAS SENT TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE TIGHT SECURITY GUARD OF U.S. "SPECIAL SERVICE" AGENTS.

REGARDING THE AIRCRAFT, WHICH IS BEING HELD BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES FOR INVESTIGATION INTO SUSPECTED INTRUSION OF THE JAPANESE TERRITORIAL AIR SPACE BY THE PLANE, THE STATEMENT SAID THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXAMINE THE PLANE FREELY IN VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND PRACTICES AND THE GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

JAPAN'S CLAIM FOR THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE THE PLANE IS GROUNDLESS AND "ARTIFICIAL." THIS CAN BE PROVED CLEARLY BY THE FACT THAT A "THIRD COUNTRY" IS TAKING PART IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE PLANE, THE STATEMENT SAID.

IT SAID THAT THE PLANE IS SOVIET NATIONAL PROPERTY AND ADDED THAT JAPAN'S ACTS CONCERNING THE PLANE AND THE PILOT ARE UNLAWFUL. ALL CONSEQUENT RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO BE BORNE BY JAPAN, THE STATEMENT SAID.

THESE "UNFRIENDLY ACTS" OF JAPAN WILL "BRING GRAVE CONSEQUENCES" IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT SAID.

AFTER POLYANSKIY READ THE STATEMENT, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SAID IN REPLY THAT THE STATEMENT WOULD BE DULY CONVEYED TO FOREIGN MINISTER ZENTARO KOSAKA, ALTHOUGH "SOME POINTS IN THE STATEMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE."

ARITA SAID THAT JAPAN WAS DEALING WITH THE INCIDENT ENTIRELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND PRACTICES.

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO STUDY THE SOVIET STATEMENT CLOSELY BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL REPLY.



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TASS COMMENTATOR: HANDLING OF MIG AIMED AT UNDERMINING USSR DEFENSE

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("TO THE DETRIMENT OF SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS"--TASS HEADLINE)

(TEXT) MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 23, TASS--TASS POLITICAL COMMENTATOR YURIY KORNILOV WRITES:

THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "AKAHATA" TODAY ISSUED AN EDITORIAL WHICH POINTS OUT THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF JAPAN IS FIRMLY PROTESTING AGAINST JAPANESE AND U.S. EXPERTS SCRUTINISING THE SOVIET MILITARY AIRCRAFT THAT MADE A LANDING IN THE TERRITORY OF JAPAN, AND IS INSISTING THAT THE AIRCRAFT BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION. "AKAHATA" EMPHASIZES THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES THAT ARE GUIDED BY THE JAPANESE-U.S. MILITARY ALLIANCE, WHICH HAS TURNED INTO A SOURCE OF HEIGHTENING TENSION IN ASIA, SUBORDINATE JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY TO THE JAPANESE-U.S. SECURITY TREATY.

EARLIER, MANY NEWSPAPERS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN POINTED OUT WITH GOOD REASON THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, ACTING IN COOPERATION WITH AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES, ON THE PLEA OF "CONCERN FOR JAPAN'S DEFENCE," ARE STAGING IN POINT OF FACT A SABOTAGE OPERATION WHICH IS AIMED AT UNDERMINING THE DEFENCE OF THE USSR. THIS IS OPENLY SPOKEN OF BY OFFICIALS IN THE USA. THUS, GEORGE BUSH, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, DECLARED ON TELEVISION RECENTLY THAT THE INSPECTION OF THE SOVIET MILITARY AIRCRAFT IS A BONANZA FOR THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE WHICH, AS IS WELL KNOWN, IS FAR FROM BEING CONCERNED ABOUT "DEFENCE OF JAPAN" AND THE TASK OF WHICH IS TO UNDERMINE THE DEFENCE CAPACITY OF THE USSR AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

THE CONTINUATION OF THIS KIND OF OPERATIONS WITH THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT, THE REFUSAL TO RETURN IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOVIET UNION, NATURALLY CANNOT BUT AFFECT SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS MOST NEGATIVELY. IF SOME IN TOKYO THINK DIFFERENTLY, THEY ARE UNDER A DEEP MISAPPREHENSION.

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