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SUBJECT: DCM EXPRESSES CONCERN RE MIG-25 NEWS STORIES

REF: (A) STATE 246078, (B) TOKYO 14617, (C) TOKYO 14793

1. DCM NISHIDA MET BRIEFLY AT HIS OWN REQUEST WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 4 TO CONVEY GOJ CONCERN ABOUT "UNFORTUNATE" ALLEGED DOD STATEMENTS RE MIG-25. NISHIDA NOTED THAT AP STORY IN MAINICHI ON SEPTEMBER 30 QUOTED DOD SPOKESMAN TO EFFECT THAT AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY US AND JAPAN, US APPARENTLY OVERESTIMATED MIG-25 CAPABILITIES. NISHIDA ALSO SAID THAT OCTOBER 4 NHK REPORT SAID THAT SECDEF RUMSFELD HAD REPLIED IN WRITING TO QUESTION ABOUT MIG-25 TO EFFECT

THAT INVESTIGATION IS NOT COMPLETE YET AND, WHILE US OVERESTIMATED MIG-25 CAPABILITIES, IT STILL REGARDS AIRCRAFT AS CAPABLE INTERCEPTOR. NISHIDA SAID THAT NHK GAINED IMPRESSION FROM RUMSFELD STATEMENT THAT MIG-25 INFORMATION WAS BEING PASSED TO US SMOOTHLY BY JAPANESE. DCM EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ABOVE STATEMENTS WENT BEYOND OUR AGREED GUIDANCE, I.E. THAT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY JAPANESE WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR

RESULTS. GOJ, HE ADDED, HAD ALSO TOLD DIET THAT IT WOULD HANDLE INVESTIGATION INFORMATION "ON BASIS OF NATIONAL INTERESTS" AND STATEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE ABOVE COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES DURING DIET INTERPELLATIONS. HE SAID THAT GOJ WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRIOR CONSULTATIONS ON ANY EXCEPTIONS TO AGREED GUIDANCE.

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2. HUMMEL ASSURED NISHIDA THAT WE REGRETTED ANY INCONVENIENCE OR EMBARRASSMENT TO GOJ AS RESULT OF DEVIATION FROM AGREED PUBLIC AFFAIRS LINE. HE SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING MATTER SINCE WE HAD HEARD ABOUT IT FROM EMBASSY AND THAT WE WOULD GET BACK TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. NISHIDA INFORMED HUMMEL OF DETAILS OF SHIPPING CRATED AIRCRAFT BACK TO USSR WHICH ACCORD WITH INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. NISHIDA SAID THAT MOFA ASKED SOVIET COUNSELOR OCTOBER 2 TO ARRANGE FOR PICK UP AT HIYACHI BY SOVIET VESSEL. NISHIDA SAID HE WAS PASSING THIS INSTRUCTION TO US AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE. HUMMEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

4. NHK BUREAU CHIEF HERE SAYS STORY MENTIONS LETTER FROM RUMSFELD WHICH DISCUSSES RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION NOT BEING COMPLETE, COOPERATION OF THE JAPANESE BEING POSITIVE, SPEED, RANGE, CONSTRUCTION, HIGH ALTITUDE PERFORMANCE OF PLANE. FROM THIS WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE STORY IS BASED ON AN UNAUTHORIZED LEAK OF THE ASSBURY PARK PRESS LETTER REFERRED TO IN REPTEL (A). OSD/PA REAFFIRMS THAT NO REPEAT NO LETTER WAS SENT TO NHK. REQUEST WHATEVER TEXT OF BROADCAST MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU. KISSINGER  
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1. PARA 2 REFTTEL REPORTED THAT JDA HAD DECIDED WITHOUT MOFA'S KNOWLEDGE TO PERMIT US ACCESS TO SPECIFIC MIG-25 COMPONENTS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT, AS REPORTED REF. 8, GOJ DECISION OCTOBER 1 ON FURTHER EXPLOITATION TO MIG CONTEMPLATED SOME FURTHER US ACCESS THROUGHOUT PERIOD AIRCRAFT WAS BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT BACK TO SOVIETS. MOFA ORALLY INDICATED THIS COULD COVER POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION OF "BLACK BOXES." ACCORDING TO MOFA OFFICIAL, ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH ACCESS COULD BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN USFJ AND JASDF, IMPLYING MOFA WOULD JUST AS SOON NOT BE BROUGHT INTO ACT. ABOVE INFO CONVEYED TO COMUSJAPAN.

2. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, SOVIETS HAVE BEEN INFORMED MIG WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT FROM HITACHI PORT AFTER OCTOBER 15. MOFA OFFICIAL TOLD ENBOFF OCTOBER 4 THAT MIG WILL THEREFORE REMAIN AT HYAKURI THROUGH OCTOBER 14. HE SAID THAT GOJ HAD DECIDED TO CHANGE PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF U.S. EXPERTS AT HYAKURI. TO EFFECT THAT EXPERTS WILL BE PRESENT THROUGH OCTOBER 6 TO CLOSE DOWN U.S. OPERATIONS IN ASSISTANCE OF JSDF, E.G., PACKING TEST EQUIPMENT, ETC. AFTER OCTOBER 6, US PRESENCE



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route

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SUBJECT: MIG-25  
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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING DEMARCHES TO MOFA AND JDA YESTERDAY, IN  
SUPPORT OF SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DIRECT ACCESS, MOFA  
TONIGHT CONVEYED DECISION APPROVED BY PRIMIN TO PERMIT CONTINUED  
US ACCESS TO AIRCRAFT WHILE IT IS BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT,  
AS LONG AS SHIPMENT, PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 12 (BY LAND TO PORT)  
IS NOT DELAYED, END SUMMARY.

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT REPTEL I CONVEYED TO VICEMIN FONOFF  
SATO URGENT REQUEST TO EXTEND FOR ONE WEEK DEADLINE OF MID-  
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UP SPECIFIC TECHNICAL PROBLEMS THAT DEMANDED FURTHER ACCESS TIME.

3. AFTER SERIES OF MEETING BETWEEN FONOFF AND JDA YESTERDAY AND TODAY, AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL YAMAZAKI THIS EVENING CONVEYED FOLLOWING RESPONSE APPROVED BY PRIME MINISTER (DECISION IS BEING PASSED TO KOSAKA IN NEW YORK).

A. PERIOD FOR INVESTIGATION OF MIG BY JDA WAS DETERMINED AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VERY STRONG REQUEST BY U.S. AS WELL AS JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH USSR, AND DOMESTIC SITUATION, THIS PERIOD CAN NOT BE EXTENDED FURTHER.

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C. GOJ HAS NOT YET DETERMINED TO WHAT LOCATION AIRCRAFT WILL BE MOVED FROM HYAKURI AIR BASE, BUT IN ANY EVENT DATE FOR THIS MOVEMENT WILL BE ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 12.

4. FONOFF SUBSEQUENTLY EXPLAINED THAT ACCESS DESCRIBED ABOVE COULD CONTINUE UNTIL AIRCRAFT SHIPPED FROM JYAKURI, AND THAT, DEPENDING ON ARRANGEMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN USFJ AND JASDF, MOST OF FIRST THREE DAYS OF THIS PERIOD COULD CONTINUE TO BE DEVOTED TO INVESTIGATION, E.G., CHECKS ON SYSTEMS LOCATED IN FUSELAGE COULD CONTINUE AS WINGS REMOVED.

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USSR: FOXBAT DEFECTION UPDATE. (U)

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1. (S/NOPORN) DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH US DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW, SOVIET "JOURNALIST" VIKTOR LOUIS COMMENTED UPON THE DEFECTION OF LT BELENKO AND THE PROPRIETY OF THE US AND JAPANESE HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT.

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2. (S/NOPORN) HISTORICALLY LOUIS HAS BEEN A CONDUIT FOR UNOFFICIAL EXPRESSIONS OF SOVIET ATTITUDE, AND HAS PROVIDED INDICATIONS OF IMPENDING POLICY AND PERSONNEL CHANGES. LOUIS CHARACTERIZED BELENKO AS A "POOR, CONFUSED BOY" WHO REFUSES TO GO HOME FOR FEAR OF RECEIVING A FIVE-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE. IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXERT EMOTIONAL LEVERAGE ON THE DEFECTOR, LOUIS ALLUDED TO THE PILOT'S SMALL SON AND PREGNANT WIFE. BY REFRAINING, IN THIS INSTANCE, FROM THE USUAL VITRIOLIC CRITICISM OF ITS DEFECTORS THE SOVIET UNION PROBABLY HOPES TO MINIMIZE ITS SECURITY LOSSES. HOWEVER, ONCE MOSCOW IS CONVINCED THAT BELENKO WILL NOT RETURN, AND THAT HE HAS ALREADY COMPROMISED SOVIET DEFENSE INFORMATION, THE SOVIETS WILL (97 PERCENT) LAUNCH AN EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT HIM.



3. (S/NOPORN) ACCORDING TO VIKTOR LOUIS, TOKYO ACTED

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IMPROPERLY BY PERMITTING THE US ACCESS TO BELENKO'S AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY ASSUMED THAT THE PLANE ITSELF WAS COMPROMISED THE MOMENT IT LANDED.  
PAGE 3 RUEKJCS 4667 S E C R E T

4. (S/NOPORN) IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS OFFICIALLY ADVISED THE US THAT FURTHER EXPLOITATION OF THE MIG-25 WILL TERMINATE ON 6 OCTOBER. THE JAPANESE HAVE REPORTEDLY INFORMED MOSCOW THAT THE PLANE WILL BE RETURNED ON OR AFTER THE 15TH, BUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION MUST DEFRAY THE COST OF MOVING THE AIRCRAFT FROM HYAKURI AIRFIELD TO A SOVIET CARGO SHIP AT THE PORT OF HITACHI. ALLEGEDLY, THE JAPANESE ARE ALSO INSISTING THAT THEY BE COMPENSATED FOR DAMAGE DONE TO HAKODATE AIRPORT WHEN BELENKO LANDED ON 6 SEPTEMBER.

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PRAVDA: JAPAN HARMS RELATIONS WITH USSR OVER MIG

LD040805 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0756 GMT 4 OCT 76 LD

("PRAVDA ON PROVOCATIVE MACHINATIONS IN JAPAN-"TASS HEADLINE)

(TEXT) MOSCOW, OCTOBER 4, TASS--"DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS", WRITES THE PRAVDA TOKYO CORRESPONDENT, "JAPAN'S PEACE-LOVING PUBLIC HAS BEEN CONCERNED OVER THE UNSEEMLY MACHINATIONS STARTED BY ENEMIES OF JAPANESE-SOVIET GOODNEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORCED LANDING OF A SOVIET AIRCRAFT ON THE JAPANESE TERRITORY.

"OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY CONTINUE TO DELAY THE SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT, USING ALL SORTS OF PRETEXTS TO EVADE THE FIXING OF AN EXACT DATE WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SOVIET SIDE. IN AN ATTEMPT TO WHITEWASH THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN MILITARY CIRCLES DEFIANTLY TREATING THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT AS THEIR BOOTY, THEY ALLEGE THAT THESE ACTIONS DO NOT VIOLATE THE ELEMENTARY NORMS OF GOODNEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS OR AFFECT THE PEACEFUL COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND JAPANESE PEOPLES."

SUCH ACTIONS HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON NOT ONLY WITH GOODNEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS BUT WITH ELEMENTARY DECENCY EITHER. BY TAKING POSSESSION OF OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY AND BY DISMANTLING THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT, THE LEADERS OF JAPAN'S "SELF-DEFENCE FORCES" EXPOSED THEMSELVES AS MILITANT ADVOCATES OF THE "COLD WAR" TIME ANTI-SOVIET DOCTRINES.

THE CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT "THE ANTI-SOVIET MACHINATIONS BY JAPAN'S MILITARY, AIMED AT UNDERMINING THE COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND SOVIET PEOPLES, ARE BEING DECISIVELY REPULSED BY WIDE SECTIONS OF THE JAPANESE PUBLIC."

"THE SCHEMING BY ENEMIES OF JAPANESE-SOVIET GOODNEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS ONCE AGAIN MADE THE JAPANESE PUBLIC REALIZE THAT ANTI-SOVIETISM AND MILITARISM ARE, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THINGS OF THE SAME KIND RUNNING CONTRARY BOTH TO JAPAN'S NATIONAL INTERESTS OF BOTH THE JAPANESE AND THE SOVIET PEOPLES DEMAND RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF GOODNEIGHBORLY RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP. THE SOONER THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CIRCLES DISPLAY A REALISTIC APPROACH, GOOD WILL AND SINCERITY IN TREATING THIS ISSUE, THE MORE FAVOURABLE THE SITUATION WILL BE FOR PROMOTING GOODNEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND JAPAN."



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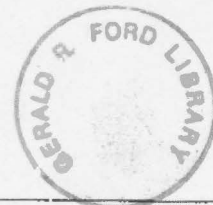
1. [Redacted] THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS AND

LIMITATIONS PERTAIN TO OPERATING THE MIG-25 ENGINE ON THE GROUND:

- A. OPERATION TIME AT IDLE RPM IS TEN MINUTES MAXIMUM.
- B. OPERATION TIME AT MAXIMUM NON-AFTERBURNER POWER IS NOT LIMITED BY TIME.

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C. OPERATION TIME AT AFTERBURNING POWER IS A MAXIMUM OF 20 SECONDS.

D. RPM AT MAXIMUM NON-AFTERBURNING POWER IS NOT TO EXCEED 94 PERCENT.

E. RPM AT MAXIMUM AFTERBURNER POWER IS NOT TO EXCEED 98 PERCENT.

F. OIL PRESSURE AT IDLE POWER SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 1.7 KILOGRAMS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER.

G. OIL PRESSURE AT MAXIMUM NON-AFTERBURNER SHOULD BE NOT LESS THAN 3.5 KILOGRAMS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER.

H. OIL PRESSURE AT MAXIMUM AFTERBURNING POWER SHOULD BE NOT LESS THAN 3.5 KILOGRAMS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER.

I. THERE ARE NO PARTICULAR RPM RANGES WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

J. ENGINE START TO IDLE SHOULD TAKE 35-40 SECONDS.

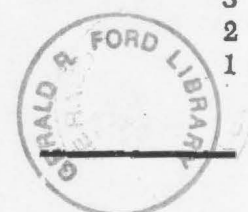
K. ENGINE IDLE TO MAXIMUM NON-AFTERBURNER SHOULD TAKE 16-20 SECONDS.

L. THERE IS A DELAY OF ABOUT 4 SECONDS FROM TIME OF AFTERBURNER INITIATION TO FULL AFTERBURNER THRUST AVAILABLE.

M. AFTERBURNER ACTUATION IS INITIATED BY PUSHING THE THROTTLES FULL FORWARD TO MAXIMUM AFTERBURNER POSITION, THEN RETARDING THE THROTTLES TO DESIRED AFTERBURNER SETTING.

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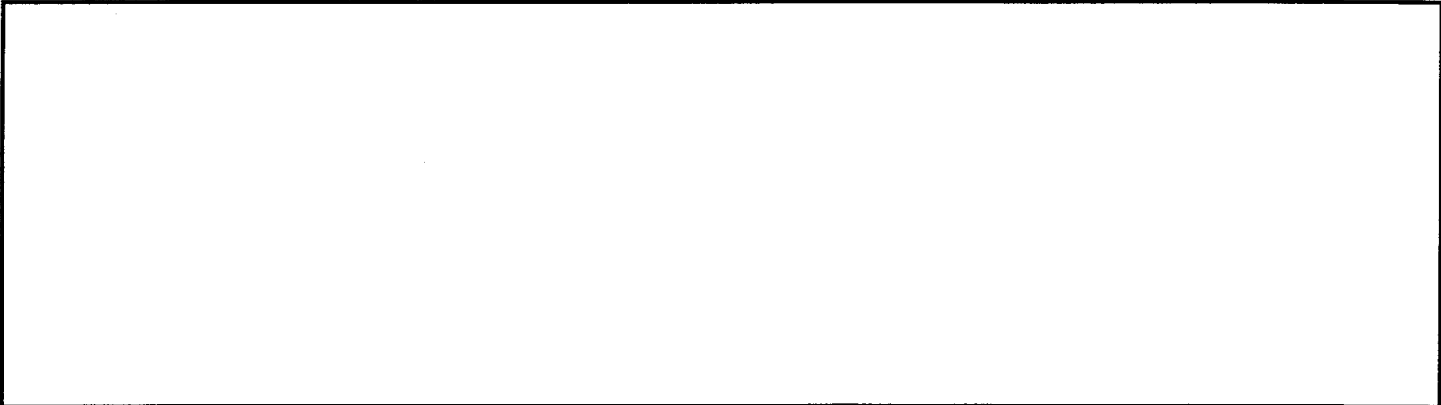
(S) N. THE AFTERBURNER MODULATES SMOOTHLY FROM MAXIMUM TO MINIMUM POWER.

(1) O. [REDACTED] ANY FUEL PUMP LIMITATION ON THE AFTERBURNER AT LOW ALTITUDES.

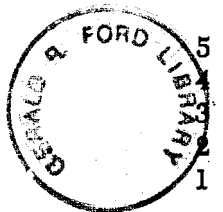
P. THE MIG-25 AIRCRAFT NEVER OPERATES ON T-1, TS-1 OR T-2 FUEL.

Q. THE AIRCRAFT'S BRAKES WILL HOLD THE AIRCRAFT WITH BOTH ENGINES OPERATING AT MAXIMUM AFTERBURNING POWER.

(1) R. [REDACTED] THE "EGT" [EXIT GAS TEMPERATURE] GAUGE WILL GIVE INITIAL WARNING OF ANY ENGINE MALFUNCTION.



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1. FOLLOWING UP INQUIRIES REFS A AND B, DIRGEN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU YAMAZAKI JUST PASSED TO POLCOUNS VICE MINISTER SATO'S SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT PRESS STATEMENTS DEVIATING FROM WHAT GOJ UNDERSTOOD TO BE AGREED PRESS LINE. VICE MINISTER SATO ASKED THAT WASHINGTON BE REMINDED THAT GOJ HOPED US WOULD RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES BY SAYING INVESTIGATION OF AIRCRAFT WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY JAPANESE AND WOULD REFRAIN FROM ALL COMMENT ON RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AND WHETHER INFORMATION OBTAINED WAS BEING PASSED TO US. MR. YAMAZAKI SAID THAT HE THOUGHT REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT US WAS RECEIVING INFORMATION SMOOTHLY AND THAT JDA WAS BEING COOPERATIVE WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE IN DIET INTERPELLATIONS CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY HAD ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN TO VICE MINISTER.

2. POLCOUNS UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY VICE MINISTER'S VIEWS IMMEDIATELY BUT POINTED OUT PLETHORA OF DETAILED STORIES ON INVESTIGATION APPEARING IN JAPANESE PRESS AND SUGGESTED THAT WHILE IT WAS CLEARLY IMPORTANT TO STICK TO LINE THAT INVESTIGATION WAS UNDER EXCLUSIVE JDA CONTROL IT MIGHT NOT BE ALL THAT DAMAGING IF GOJ ADMITTED THAT RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE PASSED ON TO ALLY, US.



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WITHOUT RESPONDING DIRECTLY, MR YAMAZAKI SAID THAT IF IT WERE DESIRED TO SHIFT PRESS LINE, HE SHOULD CONSULT WITH MOFA FIRST, BUT THAT FOR THE TIME BEING IT WAS IMPORTANT TO STICK TO "NO COMMENT" IN REGARD TO TRANSFER OF INVESTIGATION. IN RESPONSE TO DIET QUESTIONS ON WHETHER GOJ WOULD PASS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION TO US AND ITS ALLIES, GOJ SPOKESMAN HAD BEEN NONCOMMITAL, SAYING SUCH DECISION WOULD BE JUDGED FROM VIEWPOINT OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. WE HAVE PASSED TO MOFA INFO REF C AS WELL AS RESULTS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY IN RESPONSE REF B JUST TELEPHONED TO US BY OP CENTER.

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Memo For Lt. Gen. SCOWCROFT  
NSC Staff

SECDEF wanted you  
to see this as background  
in the MIG 25 saga.

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M. Staser Holcomb  
Rear Admiral, USN  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: MIG-25 in Japan (U)

1. ~~(S)~~ It is the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that the United States should seek Japan's agreement to continue to make the Soviet MIG-25 now in its possession available to the United States. It would be highly desirable from a military and intelligence point of view to have the MIG-25 available for at least 90 days; however, it is realized that diplomatic exchanges may render such an arrangement impossible. In the event a 90-day period cannot be achieved, it is considered that, as a minimum, the United States should be allowed unlimited access to the aircraft until 30 October. The opportunity to examine firstline Soviet air defense operational technology in detail is of major military and technological importance. The aircraft is an obvious threat to Japanese and US security. The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe the usages of custom condone the retention of the MIG-25 by the Government of Japan (GOJ). Both Soviet and Israeli precedents exist to guide the GOJ in this matter (Appendices A and B).
2. ~~(S)~~ The opportunity to analyze and, if the extended period is obtained, to fly this firstline aircraft would enable the development of countermeasures and suitable defense tactics. The status of Soviet design, logistic support, and manufacturing technology could be assessed while also allowing the operational exploitation of one of the highest performance aircraft in the world.

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3. (U) The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that you support and communicate these views to the President.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

*J. L. Holloway III*  
J. L. HOLLOWAY III  
Acting Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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SUBJECT: DEFLECTION OF MIG-29 PILOT - PRECEDENTS FOR  
RETENTION OF AIRCRAFT AND PARTS

1. A CHECK REVIEW WITH EMPASOV ABOUT PAST INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOREIGN AIRCRAFT IN THE SOVIET UNION OR SOVIET AIRCRAFT IN OTHER COUNTRIES HAS PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING LIST THAT YOU MAY FIND USEFUL IN DISCUSSING WITH GBJ THE HANDLING OF THE MIG-29 IN HONKAI00.

- THE US U-2 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN OVER THE USSR IN 1960. CAPTS OF THE AIRCRAFT ARE NOW DISPLAYED PUBLICLY IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES MUSEUM IN MOSCOW.
- A 1-19 US TRAINING AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE SOVIETS OVER EAST GERMANY IN 1964. THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT RETURNED TO THE US.
- A US RR-46 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN OVER EAST GERMANY IN 1964. THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT RETURNED TO THE US.
- A SOVIET YAK-28 INVOLVED IN A CRASH IN 1965 IN THE BRITISH SECTOR OF BERLIN. THE BRITISH RETURNED THE AIRCRAFT, BUT WITH CERTAIN PARTS MISSING.
- A PAN AM 727 CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN A CRASH OUTSIDE WEST BERLIN IN NOVEMBER 1966. THE SOVIETS RE-

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TURNOFF THE AIRCRAFT, MINUS THE FLIGHT RECORDER AND OTHER EQUIPMENTS

-- A SOVIET MIG-17 AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN A CRASH IN  
WILMARS, WEST GERMANY ON MAY 25, 1967. THE PILOT WAS  
SEEKING TO DROFF. THE FRG PERMITTED THE US TO TRANSPORT  
THE AIRCRAFT TO WILMARS AFB FOR TECHNICAL EXPLOITATION.  
THE AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNED TO THE SOVIETS SOME TWO WEEKS  
LATER WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTS REMOVED: IFF, RADIO TURFS,  
AMMUNITION, GUNS, BULLET-PROOF GLASS, SEAT COMPARTMENT,  
ENGINE STARTER, GENERATOR UNIT, CONTROL CARDS, OXYGEN  
SUPPLY, FUEL PUMPS, ROCKET AND AGMA PYLONS, AND OTHER  
ITEMS. IN REPLY TO SOVIET PROTESTS, THE GERMANS INDJ-  
CATED THAT THEY HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF  
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APPENDIX B

1. (S) An Iraqi MIG-21 defected to Israel in August 1966. The Government of Israel (GOI) granted asylum to the pilot and retained possession of the MIG-21. [REDACTED]
2. (S) Two Syrian MIG-17s inadvertently overflew Israel in August 1968 and were forced to land by Israeli Air Force pilots. The GOI detained the two pilots for several months before returning them to Syria. The GOI retained permanent possession of the MIG-17s. [REDACTED]

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