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INFO ZEN/MOD LONDON ZEN/MOD PARIS RGFOFSCR/MOD BONN RUEPDA/SECDEF WASH DC RUEPDA/JCS WASH DC RUEHCR/WASH AMB GROUP RUEH/US STATE DEPARTMENT RUFLC/USCINCEUR PARIS FRANPE RBFAXA/CINCBAOR MOENCHEN GLADBACH RBFR/CINCRAF MOENCHEN GLADBACH ZEN/CINCFFA BADEN BADEN RUFPAG/CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GER RUFPBW/CINCUSAFE LINDSEY AS GER RFFHD/FR COB BERLIN RBFAXB/UKCOB BERLIN RUFPHA/USCOB BERLIN RUFLOB/ALLIED STAFF BERLIN RUCKHC/CINCLANT NORFOLK VA RUDLSK/USNMR SHAPE PARIS FRANCE RUFPABL/JACK PINE COMMAND POST

_BUNDY-SMITH _ALEXANDER _BELK

_BRUBECK

-CHASE

_DINGEMAN

_DUNGAN

_FORRESTAL

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OONFIDENTIAL SHLO 5-0063. THIS IS A LIVE OAK STAFF MESSAGE. SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED. RELEASABLE ONLY TO AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES. FOR BONN QUADRIPARTITE GROUP. CINCLANT PASS TO SEA SPRAY.

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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER IN THE BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTRE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE US AND UK CONTROLLERS ON 201030Z MARCH: QUOTE. AS IT IS KNOWN TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPT OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIRLINES (PARTICULARLY AUTAIR) TO REALISE INTERNATION AIR CONNUMICATIONS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND CITIES OF AUSTRIA, ITALY, SPAIN, NETHERLANDS DENMARK, SWITZERLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SENT NOTES TO THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH IT IS STATED THAT SUCH FLIGHTS CAN BE PERFORMED ONLY WHEN COORDINATED WITH COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE GDR. I AM INSTRUCTED NOT TO SIGN THE FLIGHT PLAN FOR THE AIRCRAFT PERFORMING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO BERLIN-FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, BERLIN-HANNOVER, BERLIN-BRUCKENDORF AIRWAYS, SINCE THE FLIGHTS ARE NOT COORDINATED WITH COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE GDR. IN VIEW OF THIS, SAFETY OF SUCH FLIGHTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. UNQUOTE.

2. TO THIS STATEMENT THE US CONTROLLER IN THE BASC REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR STATEMENT AT 1030Z, 20TH MARCH, 1964, I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT ALLIED AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO FLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED RULES AND PROCEDURES OF LONG STANDING ON FLIGHT PLANS PROPERLY FILED IN THE BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTRE AND PASSED TO THE SOVIET ELEMENT FOR ITS INFORMATION. THE SOVIET AUHORITIES WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF FLIGHT OF THESE AIRCRAFT WHILE THEY ARE IN THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE AND CORRIDORS. UNQUOTE. THE BRITISH CONTROLLER ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE US REPLY.

3. LIVE OAK HAS NOT RECEIVED TEXT OF THE SOVIET NOTES BUT UNDERSTANDS THEY DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SOVIET STATEMENT APPLIES TO CHARTER COMPANIES ENGAGED IN CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN BERLIN AND VARIOUS PLACES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

4. OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN ARE TWO SUCH FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO BERLIN BETWEEN 1700Z AND 1800Z TODAY. 20 MARCH. VIA THE SOUTHERN CORRIDOR. THE SOVIETS IN A SUPPLEMENTARY STATMENT SAY THAT THESE FLIGHTS WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED FLIGHT SAFETY. THE FIRST FLIGHT PLAN OF A BRITISH UNITED AIRWAYS VISCOUNT UNDER CHARTER TO US INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES GOING TO BERLIN FROM PALMA, MAJORCA WHEN HANDED TO THE SOVIET CONTROLLER AT 1600Z WAS TURNED BACK WITHOUT A GUARANTEE OF FLIGHT SAFETY.

5. FURTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED.

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