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CONTROL: 5670
RECD: APRIL 7, 2:05 PM.

FROM: BERLIN

ACTION: SECSTATE 1289

INFO: BONN 1223
LONDON 781
MOSCOW 731
PARIS 796

DATE: APRIL 7, 6 PM

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BONN PASS INFO USAREUR AND USCINCEUR FOR POLAD; USNMR SHAPE FOR BURNS; USELMLO; USAFE FROM BERLIN

PARIS ALSO FOR USRO

REF: BERLINTEL 1282 TO DEPT., 1213 TO BONN

FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT MADE BY SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER TO U.S. CHIEF CONTROLLER AT 1004 APRIL 7:

QUOTE

ON 6 APRIL 1964, FROM 1405 TO 1416, US HELICOPTER H-34 FLEW OVER CAPITAL OF GDR BERLIN. I AM INSTRUCTED THAT IN CASE THESE PROVOCATIVE FLIGHTS ARE REPEATED NECESSARY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE ENTIRELY WITH YOU.

END QUOTE

AT 1655 APRIL 7 US CHIEF CONTROLLER MADE FOLLOWING REPLY TO SOVIET STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT

I REFER TO YOUR STATEMENT OF 0904Z, APRIL 7, I MUST REJECT YOUR PROTEST SINCE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION WAS FLYING IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED RULES ON PROPERLY FILED FLIGHT PLAN

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By *inf*, NARS, Date 4-26-76

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-2- 1289, APRIL 7, 6 PM, FROM: BERLIN

WHICH PASSED TO SOVIET ELEMENT BASC FOR ITS INFORMATION. AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO FLY IN BCZ INACCORDANCE WITH LONG PRACTICE AND QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED RULES, AND MY AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD YOUR AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY OF FLIGHT OF THESE AIRCRAFT.

END TEXT

COMMENT: LANGUAGE OF SOVIET APRIL 7 STATEMENT IS NOT UNUSUAL AND WOULD NOT APPEAR INDICATE ANY HARDENING ATTITUDE RE EAST BERLIN OVERFLIGHTS. FACT THAT SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER MADE FOLLOW-UP STATEMENT TO ROUTINE PROTEST OF APRIL 6 ALSO NOT UNUSUAL: THEY HAVE DONE SO IN 4 OUT OF TOTAL OF 10 CASES WHERE SUCH FLIGHTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER PAST YEAR.

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