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Memorandum For The Record

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In response to requests for coordination and technical assistance concerning the shoot-down of a U.S. A-1H aircraft in American USSR near Gherwin, 2 September, [redacted] GENS-44, attended two meetings at the State Department, 31 October and 13 November.

The first meeting was held in the office of the Director of Special Projects, Mr. Polyzoides, to consider the difference between [redacted] transcripts of the C-133 shoot-down. In a review of the transcripts, this writer played a tape recording of the incident for a group of State Department officials and language experts, paying particular attention to the areas of uncertainty or disagreement. Although the results of this meeting were not officially discussed, two sanitized versions of the MIA transcript were requested and prepared for possible release to the Russian government. According to Mr. Marvel, Deputy Director of Special Projects, the following people were present at this meeting:

- Mr. G. Frederick Falbernit, State Department Counselor
- Ambassador Hugh S. Canning, Jr., Director of Intelligence and Research
- Mr. R. Gordon Arneson, Deputy Director of Intelligence and Research
- Mr. William McAfee, Staff Assistance to Director of Intelligence and Research
- Mr. Richard Service, Office of Eastern European Affairs
- Mr. Michael L. Proers, Director of Eastern European Affairs
- Mr. David Emery, Chief, Division of Records for USSR and Eastern Europe, (Office of Intelligence, Research, and Analysis)
- Mr. Polyzoides, Director of Special Projects Staff
- Mr. Marvel, Deputy Director of Special Projects Staff
- Mr. Carl, Special Projects Staff
- Mr. Pachani, Special Projects Staff
- Mr. Leslie H. Brown, Special Projects Staff
- Mr. Trevor J. Morrison, Special Projects Staff

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The meeting of 13 November was called by Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy to present MIA sanitized transcripts of the shoot-down to Russian Ambassador Mikhail Gromyko. It was also intended to play a recording of the intercept for the attending Russian representatives in an attempt to verify U.S. knowledge of the shoot-down. Mr. Gromyko, however, refused to become involved in technical discussion or to hear any reproduction of information which would be

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contrary to the Soviet denial of a shoot-down without proper authorization from the Soviet government. The Russian Ambassador stated that he would convey the transcripts to his government along with any statement the State Department wished to make. To the knowledge of this writer, who was present for all but the introductions and first few minutes of the meeting, the State Department gave him no official written statement. Mr. Murphy, in an attempt to persuade Mr. Menzhikov to listen to the recording, suggested the similarities of the transcripts of the shoot-down and an article which appeared in the Russian newspaper, "Sovetskaya Aviatziya," 19 September. Since Mr. Menzhikov did not acknowledge an awareness of the article, Mr. Murphy read aloud an NSA translation and gave him a photostatic copy of the newspaper to forward to his government with the transcripts of the shoot-down. At the close of the discussion, Mr. Murphy suggested that after consultation with his government the Russian Ambassador return to listen to the recording; Mr. Menzhikov said that with proper authorization he would. An unofficial list of the people present at this meeting is as follows:

- The Honorable Robert Murphy, Deputy Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs
- Mr. Mikhail Menzhikov, Russian Ambassador to the U.S.
- Major General Walsh, Asst Chief of Staff for Intelligence, USAF
- Major General Kostikov, Senior Russian Air Attache
- Mr. Kohler, Deputy Asst Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs
- Mr. Richard Service, Office of Eastern European Affairs
- Mr. Menzhikov's secretary (male)

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