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WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES IN REPLYING TO NORWEGIAN PROTEST (OSLO'S 963 TO DEPT) PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF LANGE'S STATEMENT TO STORTING MAY 13 (OSLO'S 967). YOU WILL HAVE NOTED NORWEGIAN PROTEST STATES "ON BASIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO NORWEGIAN GOVT., IT SEEMS EVIDENT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WAS BOUND FOR BODOE AIRFIELD" AND LANGE SAYS IN STORTING STATEMENT ".....IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED AMERICAN LOCKHEED U-2 AIRPLANE ACCORDING TO PLAN WAS DESTINED FOR BODOE....."

VIEW OF THESE ASSERTIONS, LANGE'S REFERENCE TO ASSURANCES GIVEN AMBASSADOR KOHT IN WASHINGTON MAY 7 (OSLO'S 964 EYES ONLY), AND ASSURANCES ALREADY GIVEN BY US TO JAPANESE GOVT. RE FLIGHTS U-2 AIRCRAFT, WE SUGGEST WE MAKE REPLY TO NORWEGIANS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN TEXT. "US GOVT. CONFIRMS THAT NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OF TYPE LOCKHEED U-2, WHICH ACCORDING TO SOVIET SOURCES WAS SHOT DOWN OVER USSR ON MAY 1, 1960, TO LAND AT BODOE AIRFIELD. HAD SUCH A LANDING BEEN MADE ON A NORWEGIAN AIRFIELD, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CONTRARY TO PRINCIPLES FOLLOWED BY NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES IN GRANTING PERMISSION FOR LANDING OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THOSE PRINCIPLES."
END TEXT.

WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO DELIVER REPLY TO NORWEGIANS SOME-TIME MONDAY AND NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY.

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