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Discussions with British re reconnaissance flights concluded today.

Draft agreed minute prepared for referral respective governments. Wording not rpt not in brackets agreed ad referendum. Bracketed portions require further examination in both governments. Prime Minister decided not make substantive statement House Commons until Parliament reconvenes. Text such statement will be prepared in consultation U.S. Department's spokesman's statement press today sent separate message.

Following is draft agreed minute with caveat as described above:

QUOTE In order that consideration may be given by the appropriate British authorities to reconnaissance flights by the U.S. services round the periphery of the Soviet Union [or satellite countries] [to or] from airfields on British territory, it is agreed that procedures will be formalized as follows:

1. By the 10th of each month, the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Intelligence), Royal Air Force, Air Ministry, London will be provided through appropriate liaison channels with a schedule of such flights planned for the following calendar month. The schedule will also include refueling flights from airfields on British territory in support of similar

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similar reconnaissance flights wherever these may originate [and such reconnaissance or refueling flights from other airfields by aircraft normally stationed on an airfield in British territory].

2. The Air Ministry will pass this information to the Foreign Office. If the Foreign Secretary should wish to make any representations concerning any of these projected flights, the Foreign Office will instruct Her Majesty's Embassy to approach the State Department and the Air Ministry will simultaneously inform the U.S. service involved through the liaison channels mentioned in the preceding subparagraph.

3. The U.K. will treat all pre-mission information received under these procedures as Top Secret. UNQUOTE.



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