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GEN CLAY REQUEST DELIVERY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FILMS:

2. "BRADLEY FROM CLAY PD HAVE JUST SEEN SOKOLOVSKY'S REPLY TO ROBERTSON'S PROTEST RELATIVE TO AIRPLANE CRASH PD WHILE SOKOLOVSKY HAD VERBALLY EXPRESSED HIS REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT AND HAD ASSURED ROBERTSON THAT HOSTILITIES OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT WAS NOT INTENDED CMA HIS LETTER CONTAINS NO SUCH ASSURANCE PD MOREOVER THE LETTER CAN ONLY BE REGARDED BY THE BRITISH AS ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY AND IN FACT INSULTING PD THE LETTER CMA COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH SUCH EVIDENCE AS THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER CMA PLACES THE ENTIRE BLAME ON THE BRITISH TRANSPORT PLANE PD IT PURPORTS THE SOVIET PLANE TO HAVE BEEN ONLY A TRAINING PLANE CMA ALTHOUGH WING PARTS RECOVERED IN BRITISH SECTOR INDICATE IT TO HAVE BEEN A YAK FIGHTER PD MOREOVER CMA IT CLAIMS BRITISH AIRPLANE TO HAVE BEEN IN THE CORRIDOR WITHOUT WARNING CMA WHEREAS THE BRITISH PLANE HAD FOLLOWED AGREED ROUTINE FOR USE OF CORRIDOR PD FINALLY CMA THE LETTER CARRIED AN IMPLIED THREAT THAT IF BRITISH PLANES WERE TO USE THE CORRIDOR IN THIS MANNER CMA IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE SOVIET TO UNDERTAKE ADEQUATE PROTECTION MEASURES PD
3. OBVIOUSLY CMA THIS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE ACTION OF PEACEFUL PASSENGER PLANES WHICH FLY THE CORRIDORS HAS NO BASIS IN FACT CMA AND HENCE THE SOVIET REPLY MUST BE CONSIDERED AS INFLEXIBLE AND PROVOCATIVE PD
4. SOVIETS REJECT ENTIRELY A FOUR-POWER INVESTIGATION AGREEING ONLY TO A JOINT INVESTIGATION WHICH IT IS APPARENT COULD ONLY SERVE TO DEVELOP TWO CONFLICTING REPORTS PD I HAVE SUGGESTED TO BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT THAT IT TAKE UP WITH BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE THE ADVISABILITY OF AN IMMEDIATE PROTEST THROUGH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT MOSCOW CMA AND HAVE STATED THAT IF THIS COURSE IS FOLLOWED I WILL RECOMMEND THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH SUCH A PROTEST PD I AM ASKING FOR A COPY OF THE SOKOLOVSKY REPLY SO THAT I MAY CABLE IT TO YOU PD PLEASE KEEP THE STATE DEPT ADVISED OF THESE EYES ONLY CABLEGRAMS TO YOU TO EXTENT YOU BELIEVE ADVISABLE AS THEY ARE NOT BEING ALSO SENT TO THE STATE DEPT THROUGH BOB MURPHY AS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE"



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