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REDSOX

Material Found in G-47 After AEGOB Dispatch

1. When the G-47 plane returned to Wiesbaden after the AEGOB dispatch, it was inspected by REDSOX as well as Air Section personnel and then flown to England, where it remained until approximately 5 September. The plane was locked while in England. On 5 September the security-cleared mechanics of the Air Section began to work on the plane at Wiesbaden.

2. In a corner of the lavatory in the rear of the plane one of the mechanics found, wrapped in a piece of tarpaulin-like material, three small blocks of wood in each of which was found a small glass bottle containing a liquid. Each bottle was covered with cheesecloth to which a string was attached. The mechanics thought the bottles contained liquid nitro-glycerine explosive and that they had discovered a sabotage attempt. A mechanic opened one of the bottles and tasted the liquid.

3. Without first notifying their Air Force superiors, the mechanics immediately notified OSI. The OSI representatives began an investigation and took the liquid to be analyzed. Laboratory analysis did not reveal the exact chemical composition of the liquid but did show that one of the components was a drug used in curing certain heart diseases. The possibility that the liquid, which has a distinct odor, was a concentration of a very valuable perfume base was also considered.

4. Finally the Frankfurt Air Section was notified and the investigation was suspended. Members of the Air Section believed the liquid was dog repellent, and on 8 September [redacted] went to the Air Force HQ in Wiesbaden, examined the material, and confirmed this. The three bottles are being returned to MKTOPAZ. The OSI investigation has been discontinued. The Air Section will question members of the crew who flew the mission in order to learn if possible why this material was left in the plane. The Air Section is arranging for a minute inspection of all planes after missions and is instructing the mechanics to inform their superiors before calling OSI, should such an incident reoccur.

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