

11 April 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

At approximately 1815 hours 11 April 1954, I received a call from the over-seas operator, Tropical Radio, informing me that Mr. Esterline was on the line.

Mr. Esterline requested verification that the orders as conveyed in DIR 46069 were carried out. I turned the call over to Major [ ] on the expansion.

[ ] informed that repeated efforts had failed to stop the flight or to contact the plane. Mr. Esterline asked from whom the orders were received authorizing the flight's departure. Esterline was informed of the call from [ ] directing the disregarding of DIR 46069. Additionally, that [ ] had directed the flight's departure and that full responsibility rested at

[ ] requested that his superior be notified and that clarification of channels of directing responsibility be clarified. Mr. Esterline agreed.

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LOUIS B. SOLLIDAY

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