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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE NO 49/OSA DATED SEPT 3 HANDED ME BY ZARUBIN TODAY.

SOVIET GOVT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO STATE TO GOVT OF USA THE FOLLOWING:

RECENTLY IN AIR SPACE OF SOVIET UNION THERE HAVE BEEN CAUGHT SEVERAL AERIAL BALLOONS WITH APPARATUS HANGING TO THEM WHICH INCLUDES AUTOMATIC PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF LOCALITIES, RADIO RECEIVERS AND TRANSMITTERS ETC. AN EXAMINATION OF APPARATUS SHOWS THAT IT WAS MANUFACTURED IN USA AND THAT LAUNCHING OF BALLOONS WAS CARRIED OUT BY AIR FORCES OF USA. IN PARTICULAR THIS IS EVIDENCED BY MARKS ON SEVERAL PARTS OF APPARATUS.

IT IS KNOWN SOVIET GOVT IN PAST ALREADY ADDRESSED ITSELF TO GOVT OF US WITH DEMAND TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO CEASE LAUNCHING OF AMERICAN BALLOONS INTO AIR SPACE OF SOVIET UNION. SOVIET GOVT POINTED OUT THEN THAT FLYING OF AMERICAN AERIAL BALLOONS OVER TERRITORY OF USSR REPRESENTED CRUDE VIOLATION OF AERIAL SPACE OF SOVIET UNION AND WAS VIOLATION OF UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ACCORDING TO WHICH EACH STATE HAS FULL AND EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGNTY IN RELATION TO AERIAL SPACE ABOVE ITS TERRITORY.

IN REPLYING TO MESSAGE OF SOVIET GOVT ON THIS QUESTION, GOVT OF US DECLARED IN ITS NOTE OF FEB 8, 1956 THAT IT WILL TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT IN THE FUTURE LAUNCHING OF AERIAL BALLOONS WHICH MIGHT FLY OVER TERRITORY OF SOVIET UNION.

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" IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE SOVIET GOVT AGAIN PROTESTS TO GOVT
OF USA AGAINST LAUNCHING OF AMERICAN BALLOONS INTO AERIAL
SPACE OF USSR AND EXPECTS THAT FROM SIDE OF GOVT OF USA
THERE WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATE MEASURES FOR CESSATION OF
SIMILAR ACTIONS OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

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