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TASS RELEASES STATEMENT ON AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

TAKE 1 -- TASS STATEMENT ON AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

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(*TASS STATEMENT* -- TASS HEADLINE)

(TEXT) MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 2 TASS -- AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED, ON THE NIGHT FROM AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, AN UNIDENTIFIED PLANE HAD RUDELY VIOLATED THE SOVIET STATE BORDER AND INTRUDED DEEP INTO THE SOVIET UNION'S AIR SPACE. THE INTRUDER PLANE HAD DEVIATED FROM THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ROUTE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S TERRITORY BY UP TO 500 KILOMETRES AND SPENT MORE THAN TWO HOURS OVER THE KAMCHATKA PENINSULA, THE AREA OF THE SEA OF OKHOTSK AND THE ISLAND OF SAKHALIN.

IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS THE PLANE FLEW WITHOUT NAVIGATION LIGHTS, DID NOT REACT TO RADIO SIGNALS OF THE SOVIET DISPATCHER SERVICES AND ITSELF MADE NO ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH SUCH COMMUNICATION CONTACT.

IT WAS NATURAL THAT DURING THE TIME THE UNIDENTIFIED INTRUDER PLANE WAS IN THE USSR AIR SPACE SOVIET ANTI-AIR DEFENCE AIRCRAFT WERE ORDERED ALOFT WHICH REPEATEDLY TRIED TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE PLANE USING GENERALLY ACCEPTED SIGNALS AND TO TAKE IT TO THE NEAREST AIRFIELD IN THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE INTRUDER PLANE, HOWEVER, IGNORED ALL THIS. OVER THE SAKHALIN ISLAND, A SOVIET AIRCRAFT FIRED WARNING SHOTS WITH TRACER SHELLS ALONG THE FLYING ROUTE OF THE PLANE.

SOON AFTER THIS THE INTRUDER PLANE LEFT THE LIMITS OF SOVIET AIR SPACE AND CONTINUED ITS FLIGHT TOWARD THE SEA OF JAPAN. FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES IT WAS WITHIN THE OBSERVATION ZONE OF RADIO LOCATION MEANS, AFTER WHICH IT COULD BE OBSERVED NO MORE.

NOW A HULLABALOO HAS BEEN RAISED IN THE USA AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A SOUTH KOREAN PLANE CARRYING OUT A FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO SEOUL.

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(TEXT) ONE'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ALREADY IN THE FIRST REPORT ABOUT THIS REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. FURTHER REPORTS EMANATING FROM THE UNITED

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