

C: Ya proshu vas mne pomoch. As I recall.

B: Ya proshu

C: vas mne pomoch.and then he says

B: Did he give any reasons for what he was doing? His motivation.

C: This is what Henry couldn't understand and this is what bothered me at the time. We asked him why and his answer was probably that he was tired of the regime. what life,

In fact, we asked/him are you a Communist. Just right out point blank, are you a Communist? And he says byl.

B: Byl.

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C: Byl.

B: It means ~~he~~^I was. ~~Was~~ What was the impression there--that he was a Communist in spirit or actually a member of the CP?

C: My impression was that he was a communist in spirit. I don't think he was a Party member. But this was the impression that I got. But Henry just turned to him and said point blank are you a Communist? And he says byl. And then he asked then he said he had very important information that to give to the government and he asked ~~if it possible~~^{is it} possible for us to give--these are not his exact words--but if it would be possible to give the information to aand

B: Did you respond?

C: Yes, I said if we could be of assistance we don't care, as I recall, I said that we didn't want to create trouble. Because at some time in the future we might want to come back to the Soviet Union but I think he said something about that he. ~~What~~ We ~~didn't~~ didn't have to know the knowledge ourselves or some such thing. But then he told us about this U-2 incident and I couldn't understand why unless he was trying to convince us about the importance of the information he had to give us ~~about~~ and he made reference to these two letters. And then he started describing the U-2 incident and the RB-47 incident both. ..give us all the details of ...

B: Could you repeat this?

C: Yes. He said he described the U-2 incident ~~first~~^{first}. He said the U-2 was shot down and there was never a direct hit. He said not one but $\frac{1}{2}$ 14 rockets were fired and in the process, well they destroyed one of their own planes that was tracking, following him. And it was some Lt. He didn't give the name. I asked him, did he know the name of the lieutenant and he said no. There was a lieutenant though killed in that flight.

B: What kind of a plane was it?

C: It was a fighter plane. I asked ~~was it a bomber,~~^{He says} fighter. ~~it was a~~ fighter

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but he didn't give me the type. I don't know.

B: Are you sure he didn't ~~say~~ say Mig?

C: No he didn't say--he didn't give the type. ^{for the fact} Except/that he said it was a fighter plane

B: But he said ^{"TOCHNO"} fourteen?

C: Fourteen. I asked him ~~three or four times~~ two or three times about it.

I said are you sure. He said yes.

B: All right. May I ask you this now.

C: He said "chytirmatsad raket".

B: He didn't say what kind of "raket".

C: No. And he said that

B: Ground to air or air to air?

C: I asked him that - air to air? - I asked him "From the plane?". He said No, the plane wasn't equipped with rockets. Or, wait a while- did he say - no, I believe he said the plane wasn't equipped with rockets. That he had machine guns but the rockets - were any of them from the plane. He said no, they were all from the ground.

B: He ^{certainly} had a specific figure - 14. Not many or several or few but exactly 14.

C: This I couldn't understand either. He kept repeating the figure 14.

B: Did he say where he had the information from?

C: I said Do you have direct access to this and he said no, from a friend.

B: Did he describe his friend - from the air force, military or anything?

C: No, he said he was a - how did he put it? - that's all he said "An officer friend". But he wouldn't tell me what service he was in or what his rank was.

B: He said there were no direct hits?

C: No direct hits. ~~apparently~~ ^{He} said that apparently either the concussion from one of the rockets came close and either the concussion caused the engine to malfunction or else ^{perhaps} some shrapnel - at least it came close and this - there was no direct hit.

B: Did he refer to engines or are you forming impressions now?

C: No, let me think now - most of this was in English except the RB*47. On the RB-47 he reverted to ^HRussian. But when he came to the number, I asked him to repeat it in Russian and he verified this, he said exactly 14 rockets.

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B: Did he use the English word "rockets"?

C: Yes, but he said it both in English and in Russian but re the RB-47, I don't believe he used one word of English on that - he used all Russian - he spoke English fairly well. In fact, I'd say almost - as far as military language, he knew more English than we did Russian.

B: Let me read this "One rocket burst near the U-2 causing it to go out of control and fall spinning to earth".

C: Yes, that's right. He said the pilot lost consciousness so he acutally knew nothing about the thing- what happened.

B: The pilot lost consciousness - right after the burst?

C: Yes, he said it went out of control and they claim the pilot made a statement as to ^{what} what went on but he says he couldn't know because he lost consciousness.

B: Next statement is "As the U-2 went spinning to earth Powers ejected". That sounds as if he was conscious. You see, I don't have much faith in the transmission of information from individual A to B to C. That's why I'm asking you these questions.

C: This I couldn't understand either. How could he eject if he was unconscious. He said the pilot - how did he say it? - this may have been the case where he made the statement and we didn't understand it and he had to say it in English.

B: Is this correct then - the first statement I read "One rocket burst near the U-2 causing it to go out of control.." - why? The U-2 is a very delicate instrument, as I understand it. Was it just out of control by being thrown off just like a fellow who is running very quickly - give him a little nudge and he'll fall to the ground. Whereas no actual damage was received.

C: This is what I couldn't understand. Was it shrapnel or concussion or what? But he did say that Powers was unconscious - he was unconscious the whole time. But this had me puzzled too. How could he eject? Unless - is there an automatic mechanism that could kick the pilot out or - I don't know.

B: He was unconscious when he hit the ~~ground~~ ground?

C: He said that he was unconscious all the ~~time~~ whole time - he couldn't have known what went on.

B: Did he say anything about the altitude ^{at which} that Powers was flying?

C: Yes, he said it was strictly high - that the plane could not get up to him.

B: But the rockets reached at that altitude?

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C: I can't tell you.

B: What else did he tell you about the U-2?

C: He did make the comment "How could the U-2 receive a direct hit if it wasn't

torn up. He said if it would have received a direct hit - then it would have disintegrated.

B: There a statement here "There was a MIG-19 trailing the U-2 at a lower altitude".

C: MIG-19? Did he say that?

B: Did he say MIG-19 or MIG-17 or what. Before it was said that the RB-47 was shot down by a MIG-19.

C: This I remember - that the 19 was connected with the 47 but I don't remember that the 19 was connected with the U-2. He mentioned th~~a~~ the MIG-19 was at a lower altitude to the 47 ~~xxx~~ ^{now} why

B: Were those his exact words "lower altitude".

C: Yes, yes. In the case of the 47, he said the 47 was out of the range of the 19. Which seems odd to me, I thought the 19 could go as high as the 47. But he made out like it could not. It was too high or it and couldn't use his machine guns. He had to use his rockets. And it the rockets that brought him down.

B: The RB-47 was brought down by rockets?

C: Yes but he said it was not over the mainland either. I asked him how far. He said many kilometers from the shore. Then I said "It glided to shore or what". He said yes - it was hit but it was not destroyed. I guess there were two or three survivors.

B: This is what he said or-----?

C: I asked him if anyone lived from it -- he didn't know.

B: But he did say the RB-47 glided to land.

C: Yes, I don't know if he said "glided". I remember the reference ~~xx~~ of being hit, the plane was lower, and that the aircraft was hit but I can't remember whether he said it glided all the way to land or not.

B: Did he say the RB-47 was over international waters?

C: Yes, mezhdunarodnaya vodoi, ⁺ I believe these were the words but he did use the word "international", though. Yes, and he said there was no question it was not over Soviet territory.

B: Was there anything else that during this whole conversation--did he?

~~xxx~~ Well, he was on the train from Kiev, he said. Did he say that was his home? Did he give any clue? Why was he on the train? Was he on a vacation?

C: He was on a vacation, ^{as I recall} but I can't remember whether he was on vacation from Moscow or from Kiev. Seems to me he was on vacation in Moscow.

B: This we'll have to establish.

C: I can't. I absolutely cannot recall.

B: Well wait awhile he had been carrying these letters since

C: Yes he was. It seems to me he said he had--no--I'm just kicking around
weren't
thoughts here. If he ~~was~~ on leave in Moscow then how could he set up a
date to be met. The ~~xxxxxxx~~ runs in my mind that he wanted to be met on the
fifth day.and advised him of.

B: Met by whom?

C: A representative of him. And he said it's not to take place on the ~~xxxx~~ 16th
~~xxxx~~, not to take place on the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 17th, ~~18th~~ and on and on but how could
he do that if he didn't live in the area.

B: Did he say these exact words that he would like to be met on?

C: Yes, he said it describes in/one ~~xxx~~ ^{side} envelope where I was to be met and at
what time. And he said the sixteenth is the date. But apparently he didn't go
inside there that he would be there. He said that if everything is set up for
the (sounds like) sixteenth.

B: And it's not the fifteenth, he said the sixteenth?

C: Yes, he said the sixteenth or the day after or the day after and ~~xxxxxx~~
~~xxxx~~ I could almost swear that he said forever.

B: Oh really.

C: He said that the sixteenth, if it's not the sixteenth, the seventeenth then
he says and so forth. I could almost swear he said ~~na-veegda~~. *Na veegda.*

B: *Na veegda*
Na veegda.

C: I could swear he said that but I cannot remember for sure. But my impression
to this same place, keep coming back x
was that he was going to keep coming back/until he made his contact.

B: Well this would lead you to believe that he lived in Moscow?

C: Yes. The leave must have been in Kiev but with his Ukrainian accent he must
have been there at some time or other. But it runs in my mind that he must have
been on leave in Kiev.

B: Did he give any indication as to who he was? Or what he was doing?

C: It runs in my mind that he was connected with the military but what rank,
he never quoted his name or like ~~xxx~~ I say I could almost swear that I heard the
word colonel used once but he said--oh--now I remember. He said. I said who
are you and all these things, what is your rank and number. He these questions
will all be answered at the Embassy when they see what is inside here. He said
you won't have any trouble knowing who I am. He said they know me. And we asked
if any time in the future would he care to come to the West? He said he thought so
maybe in a couple of years.

B: Did he give the impression that he might come out ~~xxx~~ or that he hoped to come
out. A wish or fond desire or did he give the impression that he might go out

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on a ~~kommandirovka~~ kommandirovka or with some/ Soviet Embassy?

C: No. It was permanent. Flee to the West. I used the word pobezhat. Pobezhat.

B: Defect in other words.^{C:}/Yes. And he said maybe in a couple of years.

B: And he didn't give any indication as to how?

C: No. And, of course, the thought that came to mind was his family. Maybe he would want--what would he do with his family if he himself came to the West and I think I asked him what about his family and it runs in my mind that he was going to try to get them out with him but the question dropped. He said well this is not important--the important thing is to get this information to authorities? Then I asked may I give you our address. If you ever get outside and you need help the Iron Curtain/you can write me or call or ~~me~~ anything. Call long distance collect or whatever could we help. He said no. He was afraid to write, to record it, because if it was ever found that would be it. But he said you won't have any trouble knowing who I am because when you deliver this, everybody will know who I am.

B: He gave you two envelopes?

C: Two envelopes.

B: They were sealed.

C: Yes. He said one contained a letter from himself, instructions and that sort of thing, and the other contained a very important document.

B: What color was the envelope?

C: It was sort of an off color green orgreen turquoise, or light blue.

B: Anything written on the envelope?

C: Nothing. Just sealed blank envelopes and there was no seal or writing?. He was very very careful and I put the letters in my pocket and I never took them out or looked at them until I got to the Embassy. He asked that we not open them.

B: And you didn't?

C: And we didn't. We discussed at length and it was right near the ~~end~~ end of the rendez-vous that he finally did give us the envelopes. As far as the possibility of being photographed, if we were, it would have been from one of the buildings across the street. We walked along the path right next to the ~~river~~ ^{river} ~~and if we~~ ^{were} ~~were~~ ~~photographed~~, it would have been from across the street where the telephone lines interran through--

B: You accepted the envelopes at what point now? You said you walked here and ~~ex~~ then you retraced. Did you retrace the whole time?

C: No, just once.

B: And then where did the path take ~~you~~ ^{you} along.

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C: Around here & I think. We went down and I think right along in there. In other words, we went down a ways and then back and then the path comes out there.

B: You received it then and then you walked a couple blocks.

C: Yes.

B: Coming back to his motivation you pressed on it a bit--were there any personal reasons that you could detect? How did you phrase that before--fed up?

C: Yes. Let's see how did he --

B: Now this is the ____, & now this is the bridge ~~xxxxxxxx~~ you were talking about here.

C: (~~Muffled~~ Portion muffled).cigarette here on that corner there. The Balchuk was right in here. That doesn't seem tight though. / There was a street ~~xxx~~ here. There was a street car that runs along here.

B: You don't remember the names of the street or the street you went up?

C: No.

B: But you would say it was ~~xxx~~ how many blocks from the bridge?

C: Well we didn't go anymore than--to this street here--no more than two blocks.

B: Maybe one?

C: It would have had to been an awful long block. I think that it was about two blocks unless it was an awful long one. I believe it was two.

B: Do you know where the British Embassy is?

C: No, Sir, I've never been there.

B: In Moscow?

C: No. If ~~xx~~ I was ever there, I don't remember it.

B: Well coming back to this motivation again--try to recall what he said.

C: I'm trying to remember if it was some single incident or process of years or he had a personal grudge or someone in his family suffered or what. I am at a lost here. I don't think that I had indicated anything to the Embassy~~(t)~~ either as I recall.

B: Now this Soviet citizen claims to be an infantry officer. Did you say that, Infantry. Who was formerly a Communist but is no longer one. We'll clarify that.

C: Yes. Infantry--no, I don't recall that at all. In fact, I don't even recall the word for infantry. What is the word for infantry?

B: I don't recall either. You see why I don't trust the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Could he have said Red Army?

C: I don't recall.

B: Well we're coming close to the end of the tape. Are you hungry. (Discussion about stopping for lunch). Well did you have a feeling of conference in this guy?


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I gather that you did.

C: Yes, I did. In the case of Mr. _____, I was more confident.

B: You had more time with him?

C: Yes, more time. The .. of a halfhour meeting was more difficult. I mulled over in my mind and before I took those envelopes, I said well this is it. Is it worth the risk? I said well if the information is there then it is worth the risk. I took the envelopes. In other words if it had been a propaganda buildup well they just kicked a couple out and it was a definite ^{very} calculated risk. But I decided that if the information was there (END OF TAPE).


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