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preponderance of evidence that he should admit to his CIA affiliation and mission to preclude any international misunderstanding that his mission might be an aggressive military act.

[Mr. Powers should state that he had been instructed if captured to be cooperative and to answer questions to which the Soviets appeared already to have knowledge.] Mr. Powers should point out that he did not consider himself to be a professional spy and that for this reason his ^{SUPERVISORS} handlers had instructed him that he should not attempt to be clever with his interrogators but where possible to refuse to answer questions which were classified in nature to which the Soviets did not already have answers. Mr. Powers should state that he had done this and as an example he had refused to give to the Soviets the identities and numbers of CIA operational personnel. Mr. Powers should also point out that during his entire handling by the U.S. Government great care had been taken to compartment him in such a manner that he

would not become privy to a great deal of sensitive U.S.

Government data beyond that which was necessary to performance of his mission.

QUESTION: Why did you not destroy the aircraft?

ANSWER: To this question Mr. Powers should be completely candid and discuss his entire experience while in the inverted spin, attempting to get out of the aircraft, to eat the destruction mechanism, etc.

QUESTION: Why did you not destroy yourself?

ANSWER: To this question Mr. Powers should state that without him alive to admit to the Soviets and to the world a non military affiliation his mission could have been misinterpreted as being an aggressive military act. As to the poison needle, Mr. Powers should point out that it had been his option to take the needle or not to take the needle prior to the mission and that its use was intended to prevent him from being subjected to torture beyond which he could not bear.

QUESTION: Why did you say at the trial that you were "sorry" that you had performed the U-2 spy mission over Soviet territory?

ANSWER: At the time I was greatly shocked by the effect that my flight had had on the international crisis. I also was somewhat alarmed on being able to view the rather extreme circumstances and public scrutiny to which my loved ones and members of my family were being subjected.

QUESTION: Did you tell your father that you were not shot down at altitude?
No! and I so informed the N.Y. Times by letter.

ANSWER: (Mr. Powers must be questioned by Government experts on this point before he is permitted to face the press.)

QUESTION: Were you ever threatened with death or physical harm by your captors?

ANSWER: It was made positively clear to me by my Soviet interrogators and Soviet legal representatives that the penalty for my act could be the death sentence, whereas I was never physically abused by the Soviets, during my training by the U.S. Government it was made

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clear to me that a distinct possibility existed that if captured I could be subjected to torture by my interrogators as a means of obtaining more classified information from me.

QUESTION: Do you suspect sabotage?

ANSWER: I have no reason to suspect sabotage and in reviewing the evidence subsequent to the 1 May flight I seriously doubt that sabotage was the cause of the flight's failure.

QUESTION: Where have you been since your return to the U.S. and by whom were you questioned?

ANSWER: I cannot comment as to my whereabouts. I went with U.S. Government officials willingly to be questioned. I have cooperated to the best of my ability. I care to make no further statements regarding this matter.

QUESTION: Have you submitted to a lie detector? Have you been questioned by U.S. authorities under the influence of drugs?

ANSWER: I personally insisted that I be questioned in conjunction with a lie detector. I have been so questioned. To the best of my

knowledge I have received no drugs. My handling by U.S. authorities I consider quite proper in every respect.

QUESTION: Did the Russians attempt to defect you? Did they ask you if you would like to go back to Russia? Would you like to return to Russia?

ANSWER: To those questions Mr. Powers should answer candidly, relating his experience on the bridge with Shiskin to the effect that if he returned to Russia, Shiskin would prefer that it was as a visitor rather than in the manner in which he had previously made his entry on 1 May. It might be well if Mr. Powers responded also in humor that if he did return to Russia he would like to take no more than a Brownie camera with him.