

POWERS INDICTED--COULD FACE DEATH

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(Text) Moscow--The State Security Committee under the Council of Ministers of the USSR has completed the inquiry into the case of American intelligence agent Francis Gary Powers, who invaded the Soviet Union in a Lockheed U-2 plane on May 1, to collect intelligence, carry out aerial photography of industrial and defense establishments, and gather other intelligence information, but who was shot down by a missile from a height of over 20,000 meters. Powers was arraigned on the charge of spying under Article 2 of the Criminal Code (dealing with crimes against the state--TASS).

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(Editor's Note--L: Moscow Soviet European Service in English to the United Kingdom at 2000 GMT on July 9 also carries this item but at this point states: "...under Article 2 of the Law For Criminal Responsibility For State Crimes--espionage. (The penalty envisaged under the law is 7-15 years imprisonment or death.")

The indictment of Powers has been endorsed by the prosecutor general of the USSR, and the case of Powers on charges under Articles 9 and 16 of the Military Tribunal Statute has been referred to the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the USSR for consideration.

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