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PAKISTAN-USSR: Pakistanis Down Plane

A Soviet or Afghan aircraft was shot down on Monday after dropping bombs about a kilometer inside Pakistan, a [redacted] specialist [redacted] fired [redacted]. The Pakistanis saw smoke coming from one aircraft as it fell on the Afghan side of the border. [redacted]

Comment: The downed aircraft is the first lost during a border violation by the Soviets or Afghans since 1980. The air attack, like other recent overflights in this area, presumably was in support of ground operations in Afghanistan. Kabul probably will protest the shootdown, claiming the aircraft were over Afghan territory. [redacted]

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