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1. We agree with the concept expressed in ref and have been following similar lines already for some time.
2. Specifically, we have released via BRISWOOD approximately two weeks ago a talk which referred to pilot defections from other communist-controlled Air Forces, citing Polish, Czech and Korean examples and we have only the other day, treated the flight of Col. Mendoza with strong emphasis on the compelling reasons for pilots and planes to escape from communist control.
3. Moreover, we have requested ☐ ☐ to arrange for an interview with Col. Mendoza to be tape recorded and broadcast via BRISWOOD (see LINC 3634).
4. We do not wish to broadcast monetary inducements, since we are under the impression that this might be considered an insult to the honor of the officers involved; moreover, such a public offer might reveal too close a parallel to similar offers made in Korea. We see no objection, however, against making such financial offers in private contacts with potential air force defectors.

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