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Lange Foreign Minister called me in at noon today and delivered an oral protest against Bodo as destination of Lockheed U-2 plane which according to Soviet sources shot down over USSR May 1. He subsequently gave me PM in Norwegian with unofficial English translation containing record of what he had said. Verbatim text of latter (with non-essential words omitted) as follows:

"On basis of information available to Norwegian Government it seems evident that American aircraft of type Lockheed U-2 which according to Soviet sources was shot down over USSR on May 1, 1960, was bound for Bodo Airfield. Norwegian authorities had not received any request for permission to land this particular aircraft. Furthermore, it must be emphasized that in this case landing on a Norwegian airfield would have been contrary to principles followed by Norwegian authorities in granting permission for landing of foreign reconnaissance aircraft.

"Norwegian Government must lodge its protest, and at same time ask that American authorities take all necessary steps to prevent similar incidents in future."

Lange also stated that at 1:00 p.m. on May 13 he would make statement in Storting on plane incident, incourse of which he would

inform Storting



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-2- 1963, May 13, noon, from Oslo.

inform Storting that protest made to US Government through Ambassador Oslo. He would also protest Soviet threats against Norway. Following statement to Storting Lange would, he said, call in Soviet Counselor (Ambassador still on tour with visiting Soviet Delegation) and give him text of statement made in Storting thus officially bringing to attention of Soviet Government Norwegian "reply" to Soviet threats. Same procedure used to bring officially to notice of Soviet Government Lange's statement reported in EMBTEL 946. Copy of today's statement to be available to Embassy as soon as delivered in Storting.

I made no comment on substance of protest but undertook to transmit record of it to my Government immediately.

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