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SS PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR THOMPSON
G Embassy should deliver to MFA text following note:

SP BEGIN TEXT: The Embassy of the United States of America
C refers to the Soviet Government's note of May 10 concerning
L the shooting down of an American unarmed civilian aircraft
H on May 1, and under instruction from its Government, has the
INR honor to state the following.
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RMR The United States Government, in the statement issued by
the Department of State on May 9, has fully stated ~~XXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ its position with respect to this incident.

In its note the Soviet Government has stated that the collection of intelligence about the Soviet Union by American aircraft is a QTE calculated policy UNQTE of the United States. The United States Government does not deny that it has pursued such a policy for purely defensive purposes. What it emphatically does deny is that this policy has any aggressive intent, or that the unarmed U-2 flight of May 1 was undertaken in an effort to prejudice the success of the forthcoming meeting of the Heads of Government in Paris or to "return the state of American-Soviet relations to the worst times of the cold



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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Devote The Secretary

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