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HAVING REVIEWED RECOMMENDATIONS EMBTEL 2980 RE AMERICAN COUNSEL FOR POWERS IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE TO ME FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS POINT OF VIEW AT LEAST EXPRESS DESIRE PROVIDE COUNSEL AND TO BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME OF DATE OF TRIAL. SUGGEST REQUEST SHOULD BEST COME IN NAME OF FATHER. SINCE US GOVT HAS OFFICIALLY ADMITTED POWERS WAS ON INTELLIGENCE MISSION WOULD SEEM INAPPROPRIATE THAT COUNSEL BE PROVIDED BY US GOVT SINCE ALMOST ONLY DEFENSE OPEN TO POWERS WOULD APPEAR RUN COUNTER TO US INTERESTS. BELIEVE ALMOST CERTAIN SOVIETS WOULD NOT ALLOW AMERICAN COUNSEL TO CONTROL OR CONDUCT DEFENSE. A GOOD LAWYER SHOULD ENABLE US TO EXPLOIT ANY DEVIATION FROM NORMAL LEGAL PROCEDURES SUCH AS OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNSEL TO HOLD PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH POWERS.

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I BELIEVE THAT IF POWERS BROUGHT TO PUBLIC TRIAL HE WILL HAVE MADE DEAL WITH SOV OFFICIALS. SUGGEST WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT DENOUNCE U-2 PROGRAM AND SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM. BELIEVE CHIEF SOVIET PURPOSE TRIAL WILL BE TO BRING OUT FURTHER INVOLVEMENT OF PAKISTAN AND NORWAY. NORWEGIAN AMB HAS INDICATED TO ME HE UNDERSTANDS LANGE HAS CONFIRMED TO SOVIET AMB THAT POWERS VISITED BODO AIRFIELD IN 1958 IN U-2 PLANE AND THAT TWO AMERICAN PLANES ARRIVED AT THAT FIELD ABOUT MAY 1 PRESUMABLY IN CONNECTION WITH POWERS FLIGHT. WOULD APPEAR LIKELY THAT TRIAL MIGHT BE STAGED DURING PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO FAR EAST.

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I SUGGEST THAT FOLLOWING TRIAL AND SENTENCE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE SOVIET OFFER TURN POWERS OVER TO US ON BASIS SOME CONDITION SUCH AS APOLOGY OR INDEFINITE COMMITMENT NOT MAKE FURTHER OVERFLIGHTS, ALTHOUGH THIS UNLIKELY IF SOVIET ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT DIFFERS MATERIALLY FROM FACTS.



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