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STEALTH

As you instructed, we have asked Dobrynin to inform Moscow that we have nearly completed our program of STEALTH training flights over the Kiev/Dnepropetrovsk area. We have asked that the Soviets avoid tac air flights from fields in that area, since there is the possibility of an accidental crash with the STEALTH aircraft which made an emergency landing on one of the runways there. We will continue to refuse to inform the Soviets, of course, as to which runway it is. We told Dobrynin that the Soviets should not be concerned, since our STEALTH repair/recovery team should soon have the plane repaired and on its way back. We will continue to take a hard line with Dobrynin that these STEALTH flights are violations of Soviet air <sup>a</sup> space only in/metaphysical sense, and not under observable international law.