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ORIGINAL: RUSSIANDual DistributionLETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1951 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On 30 November 1951 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics published the following communique on the violation of the state frontier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics by a United States military aircraft on 6 November 1951:

"The text of a letter to the Security Council from Mr. W. Austin, the United States representative to the United Nations, has been published in Paris, stating that one of the United States military aircraft under General Ridgway's command has not returned to its base after a 'reconnaissance flight' over the Sea of Japan on 6 November 1951. The letter contains the allegation that the said aircraft was attacked without warning by Soviet fighter aircraft over international waters.

"In connexion with this statement by the United States representative to the United Nations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs considers it necessary to state the following.

"On 7 November 1951, Mr. A.A. Gromyko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, handed a note to Mr. Cumming, the United States Charge d'Affaires, the text of which is as follows:

"The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics deems it necessary to state the following to the Government of the United States of America.

"According to verified data received by the Government of the USSR, at 10.10 a.m., Vladivostok time, on 6 November 1951, an American Neptune-type twin-engined bomber violated the USSR state frontier in the area of Cape Ostrov.

"When two Soviet fighter aircraft approached with the object of forcing the United States aircraft which had violated the Soviet state frontier to land at a Soviet Union airfield, the United States aircraft opened fire on them.

The Soviet aircraft were compelled to open a return fire, whereupon the United States aircraft flew off towards the sea and disappeared.

"In informing the United States Government of the foregoing, the Soviet Union Government strongly protests against this further gross violation of the USSR state frontier by a United States military aircraft, insists that the persons responsible for this violation be called to strict account, and expects that the United States Government will immediately take appropriate steps to prevent any violation of the USSR state frontier by United States aircraft in the future.

"No reply to this note has yet been received from the United States Government".

I should be glad if you would have this letter issued as a Security Council document.

With respects,

(Signed) p.p. Y. MALIK

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Soviet Socialist Republics in
the Security Council.

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