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Reply to HSCA Request, 8 May 78

"The first overflight of the USSR from Atsugi occurred on 1 March 1958 and this flight was the only and last flight. This flight, as other previous flights by other Detachments, was tracked by Russian radar, even though the U-2 ~~propaganda~~ aircraft had anti-radar applications, and a Soviet protest was made on 5 March 1958 by the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, Mikhail Menshikov."

"The Detachment continued to perform non-USSR missions in the Far East area until the Powers flight of 1 May 1960. Redeployment of the Detachment began in early July, the last U-2 aircraft departed Japan on 9 July and all personnel and other equipment cleaned the base and turned the facilities back to the Navy on 19 August 1960."

"During the deployment of Detachment C it performed approximately 86 operational missions, of these only 43 originated & recovered at Atsugi."

Prior On March 29, 1957 "Headquarters was notified that all personnel & equipment were on base. Operational readiness was forecast for the week of April 8. Opening procedures and liaison had been accomplished w/ the following major U.S. components: Far East Air Force

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- For East Command & Theater
Commander
- Agency's [Tokyo Station] &
local support unit ¹³
- 54th Weather Reconnaissance
Squadron
- Atsugi Naval Air Station

Details or specific operating agreements
or procedures with the above components
have not been located.

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1. Any and all information pertaining to the take-offs and landing of the U-2 at Atsugi, Japan limited to the years 1959 - 1962.

We have been unable to locate files which would contain logs of all take-offs and landing of the U-2 aircraft assigned to Detachment C. In addition to the mission flights stated above we must assume that there were a large number of take-offs and landings which would include flights for pilot familiarization, training, equipment testing, transitional and flights purely for cover purposes.

2. Any and all information concerning the reader procedures, facilities, and staff involved w/ the U-2 flights at Atsugi, Japan, limited to the years 59 - 62.

As stated in the General Background above we have not located details or specific operating procedures or agreements with the local Navy base at Atsugi.

3. Any & all information pertaining to contact between Marine Air Control Squadron #1, Air Group II, 1st Marine Wing, and U-2 personnel at Atsugi, Japan, including but not limited to housing, recreation, and eating facilities - limited to the years 1959 - 1962

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We have not identified any relationships between Detachment C and Marine Air Control Squadron #1. On the subject of housing, we have noted that late in 1957 families were permitted at Detachment C and as a result housing was provided in the compound assigned to the Agency Support Unit and ten houses were rented on the local market.

4. Any and all information pertaining to defectors w/ knowledge of the U-2 program.

The DDS & T has not located any information pertaining to defectors. We defer this request to the DDO.

5. Any & all information within the U-2 program file pertaining to defectors w/ knowledge of the U-2 program.

See above.

6. Any & all information concerning Soviet knowledge of the U-2 program previous to May 1, 1960.

Attachment states 1956 the Soviets were able to track the U-2 flights over the Soviet Union — sent protests

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