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We have been consulting with agencies concerned re ungrounding ungrounding of U-2's which NASA on May 3 announced were being grounded to check oxygen equipment. U-2's involved are threet twin Japan, two in Turkey, and three at Edwards Field, newspaper California. NASA has been receiving almost daily/inquiries when flights may be resumed.

Also pertinent to matter is fact that U-2's under command of SAC have continued to fly. Also public announcement made resumption on May 20 of May 13 by DOD of/upper atmosphere research flights in Argentina operating under name of project Crowflight as part of high altitude sampling program conducted by Defense In addition it is planned that U-2's Atomic Support Agency. for from Edwards will depart from Remey (Puerto Rico) on May 19 to participate in AFTAC upper air sampling program/undertaken by Air Force on world-wide basis between May 20 and June 15. These aircraft will not fly over major land masses but over Atlantic Ocean with UK or US island bases selected as emergency alternates. Misrelland by \$57.2

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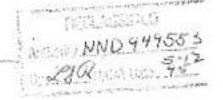
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In view of this and of President's statement in Paris
re U-2 flights, we believe that on May 19 or later and
only in response to queries NASA should be authorized to state
simply that U-2's have been released from grounding for
weather research missions. U-2's in Turkey would only wax
engage in routine training flights within Turkish borders.
training and
U-2's in Japan would resume weather research flights
if Japanese have no objection.

We are cabling MacArthur in Tokyo for his judgment on resumption waarharxmksmixm flights in Japan.

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Also requesting Embassy Ankara to comment. Also:requesting: Pubassy: Ankara: to:comment.

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