We have been consulting with agencies concerned re
ungrounding
U-2's which NASA on May 3 announced were being
grounded to check oxygen equipment. U-2's involved are three; two
in Japan, two in Turkey, and three at Edwards Field, 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
Atomic Support Agency. In addition it is planned that U-2's
from Edwards will depart from Ramey (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.
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 engage in routine training flights within Turkish borders. 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 weather/mission flights in Japan. Also requesting Embassy Ankara to comment. Request approval this course of action.