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Turkish Foreign Minister Zorlu called on Secretary May 18 for primary purpose discussing Soviet note to GOT on U-2 incident. Zorlu stated aim GOT was not to jeopardize future position of US on this matter. GOT plans inform Soviets that arrangements between Turkey and US pertained only to Turkish airspace. Turks not afraid of Soviets and felt they had sufficient time to reply Soviet note. Moreover, delay in responding might counterbalance hurried Norwegian reaction.

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Asked whether US would continue flights, Secretary replied U-2 flights would only be continued for weather and border patrols.

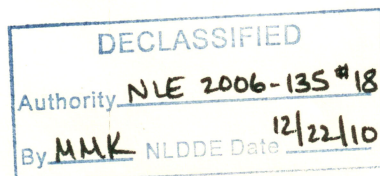
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Following casual reference to Menderes Moscow visit, Zorlu commented matter was now up in air. Interesting sidelight Zorlu said was that GOT told Soviets visit would take place after summit conference which now apparently never took place. In any event, GOT plans make clear to Soviets that Menderes will not be going Moscow discuss U-2 incident.

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