



Soviet Gives Interrogation Test

LONDON, May 14 (Reuters) —The Moscow radio broadcast today what was said to be a transcript of the interrogation of Francis G. Powers, American pilot of the U-2 plane shot down in Soviet territory May 1. In it Mr. Powers was quoted as having admitted that he had collected "intelligence information about the Soviet Union."

Mr. Powers was quoted as saying that planes that he had flown over and along the borders of the Soviet Union took bearings for the purpose of locating radio and radar stations and rocket-launching sites.

He was said to have explained that since 1956, when he left the United States Air Force, he worked at "an American office."

"What is the name of the office?" he was asked.

"This is a combination of civil aviation and Air Force service," Mr. Powers was declared to have said. "All this is disguised and coded under the name of 'Unit 10-10.'"

"What are the tasks of this unit?" he was asked.

"The main task of this unit is to locate the radio stations in action and the rocket-launching sites," was his answer, according to the transcript.

"Who is Colonel Shelton?" the questioner asked.

"He is commander of this unit," Powers allegedly said.

Asked what sort of unit it was, he said, "It deals with the collection of military information," the radio reported.

Other Extracts Given

The radio broadcast also gave the following extracts from what is said was the interrogation transcript:

Q. "Is the accusation brought against you clear?"

Mr. Powers: "Yes."

Q. "Do you plead guilty?"

Mr. Powers: "I plead guilty to the fact that I have flown over Soviet territory, over points indicated on the chart, turned on and off the necessary controls of the special apparatus mounted on my plane and I considered it was being done with the aim of collecting intelligence about the Soviet Union."

"Tell us with more details what you plead guilty to."

Mr. Powers. "In accordance with the contract which was signed by me with the United States Central Intelligence Agency, I am pilot of the special air detachment of the U. S. A. dealing with the collection of information about operational radio stations and radar on the territory of the

Soviet Union and, as I suppose, about locations of rockets.

"Our air detachment is permanently located at the United States-Turkish air base, Incirlik, near Adana City, Turkey.

"I have been serving in this detachment since August, 1956, and each year several times flew in the special high-altitude plane U-2 along the borders of the Soviet Union with Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan.

Flights Over Black Sea Cited

"Besides, in 1956-57, I performed three or four flights over the Black Sea without crossing the state borders of the Soviet Union. It is difficult for me to recollect the numbers of such flights, but I flew repeatedly.

"During these flights, the special equipment mounted on my plane took bearings of the signals of Soviet radio stations and radar," Mr. Powers was quoted as having said.

"In any case, I was told so and given such assignments, but I cannot say exactly whether the equipment of my plane took the bearings of the mentioned stations and installations, as I am not familiar with the equipment and I was never told about the results of my work.

"Before such flights we were instructed and told over which points during the flight we should turn on and of the controls of the corresponding equipment."

Q. "At what altitude did you fly when your plane was shot down?"

Mr. Powers. "At the altitude of 68,000 feet."

Q. "What reward were you supposed to receive for today's flight?"

Mr. Powers. "None. I receive a salary of about \$2,400 per month for carrying out those tasks which I have to fulfill. My task today was to fly from Pakistan to Norway."