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SUBJECT Major General George Keegan

LARRY KING: We are going to devote the early portion of the program tonight to a discussion of the flight of the almost macabre-named 007, the Korean Air Line flight from New York to Seoul with a stopover for refueling in Anchorage.

Our guest, first, will be Major General George Keegan, United States Air Force (Retired). Major Keegan is the former head of Air Force Intelligence.

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KING: I thank you, Major General Keegan, for, on rather short notice, coming over.

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE KEEGAN: I'm delighted to be here, Larry.

KING: I think the easiest thing from the top is, what the hell happened?

GENERAL KEEGAN: Well, what happened is very much characteristic of what goes on in and over the Soviet Union. Obviously, it is a tragic, unconscionable incident. I think others will occur in the future because the courses of action open to a President who is sort of a captive of the forces and the pressures that he is captive of makes it very difficult for this President, or any President, to take forceful, vigorous, direct, consistent action that would be held to over a long period of time. So, therefore, I think we're going to roll with the punches, as we have in most previous cases.