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DATE: 18 October 1973
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SUBJECT: Soviet Aircraft Overfly Turkey
Enroute to Damascus

REFERENCE: USA-65 2/PX/836-73 (RUSYA)

A minimum of two probable Soviet VTA AN-12/CUBs from Odessa, USSR flying via the Black Sea passed over Inebolu, Turkey enroute to Damascus, Syria on 18 October. This is the first time that an AN-12/CUB involved in the current Middle East airlift has been noted overflying Turkey. The Turkish government, under pressure from the Soviet Union, may have granted permission for a limited number of Soviet overflights under Montreux convention provisions. The Soviet military AN-12's are probably filing as Aeroflot aircraft.

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