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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT: Fatal Accident - Sqd. Ldr. Christopher Walker**

It was agreed that, since the Sheriff had taken the wallet from the body and looked through it, it was known that he was British. We recorded to the Air Force the following explanation: He is one of many exchange pilots between the RAF and the USAF. Since SAC has lots of airplanes in England, he was learning SAC tactics and procedures. He was on a normal training mission for this purpose. If pressed to admit the type of plane, they were to state it was a Lockheed high altitude aircraft. The information was passed to Generals Smart and Estes and the General who heads the Public Information Office and they felt that an early press release was essential due to difficulties with previous releases when we had accidents. The release has been made....in accordance with the above instructions....with the exception that the man's name and nationality were omitted with the statement that it would be released pending notification of the next of kin. The newspapers are aware that he is British and they are cooperating fully and will expect to get the name of the man as soon as the next of kin are notified. The press got a number of pictures of the accident but they will be sanitized before they are released.

(Above dictated by Col. Burke, 1130 hrs.)