

E/W - U.S. ASKS POSTPONEMENT OF SOVIET FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, SEPT 5, REUTER - THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY IT HAD ASKED MOSCOW TO POSTPONE A SECOND PUBLICITY FLIGHT BY THE SOVIET AIRLINE AEROFLOT UNDER THE NEW CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

OPENING OF THE AIR ROUTE WAS CELEBRATED WITH PUBLICITY FLIGHTS BY AEROFLOT AND PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND MOSCOW ON JULY 15.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT DID NOT INDICATE WHEN IT WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROVE THE SECOND AEROFLOT PUBLICITY FLIGHT.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID "CERTAIN OTHER ASPECTS OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS," IN ADDITION TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THEIR CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WERE UNDER STUDY, BUT IT DID NOT ELABORATE BEYOND MENTIONING POSTPONEMENT OF THE AEROFLOT FLIGHT.

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