Dear Dave,   1/3/83

Enjoyed your visit so much I completely forgot something I had kept right
under my eyes to show you.

You may have noticed news attention to the 11/82 release of previously
secret Senate Foreign Relations Committee testimony. All that I saw sensationalized
what I remember from the time, the other spy planes the USSR shot down. (Not
all of them, either.) Unless it is official confirmation that these were CIA
flights, I recall nothing new in the dislosure that they were shot down.

The hearings which perhaps Obie's office can get for you, are what was withheld
from testimony published by the 86th Congress, 2d session of 1960. This volume is
identified as part of the historical sesies. It is published by that committee.

While lying is explicity admitted, and that word is used, what interested me
more is the fact that what was withheld for all these years was, for the most
part, not secret and certainly wasn't secret from the USSR.

I found the testimony of then NASA head Dr. Hugh L. Dryden. 6/1/60, pp. 361ff,
most explicit on this.

Dulles was masterful in shifting from obfuscation to intimidation. And
entirely successful.

The parts I've read pertain to the Powers flight only. The volume also
includes testimony pertaining to other matters.

A few of the Members wanted to learn if the flight had been designed to
sabotage the Paris summit. All they learned is that Khrushchev wrecked it!

It is explicit that the USSR knew of these flights and that it also knew that
no country other than the US was capable of them. So, even if Powers had not
been shot down, that flight at that time could have wrecked the summit and there
is little doubt in my mind that those who launched it knew this.

It also is apprent that Ike did not authorize that flight at that time. The
official dodge is that it was included within prior authorization.

I find this testimony to be a clear portreyal of the invocation of "national
security" to hide from the American people what the USSR already knew and, so
far as other intelligences was concerned, was not secret.

                                                      Best,