

5/29/71

Dear Dick,

Got back this evening, stopped off at the p.o. to get the mail, read your 5/24 when I got home with the other mail, and prepare this short answer prior to bed, for I'm getting deeper and deeper into too many things and the immediate future is heavy. Example: I may be away when you get here. Howard will be here and I'll be back that evening. I have to go to Wil again on this suit.

I felt from the beginning that the Powers flight was designed to wreck the ~~U.S.~~ summit conference. I probably have some notes on it. But my view is simpler than that of just about every* one else. The fact of the flight at that time could have been enough. I do not think it was really necessary for the plane to have been shot down to have accomplished this end. There is no doubt the Russians knew all about them, as did the Chinese and others, not only from the ordinary kinds of espionage but from their own radar. They are not blind in the sky and weren't then.

If all of your suspicions are correct, they merely add to the suspicion that it was planned for the plane to be downed. Perhaps it was. Perhaps they CIA knew by then that the USSR had missiles capable of this. That is not unlikely (remember one Pen-kowsky has surfaced). This would make sense of your suspicions.

There was no need for sending a plane over at that time, and the entire world knew that there was this conference and any overflights amounts to an act of war, hardly the way one approaches serious negotiations. Thus, at the best, the USSR would have read this as the sign that Ike had no control over his military or his spooks and no agreement could be of any value. At the worse?

Lying to Ike merely guaranteed the result. They knew by then that Powers was down, and they knew it could have been inside the USSR only. Lying was an added goad.

This is not in any sense to discourage your approach. I think it would be valuable for you to explore it. It is to say that without all of what you say I have always believed the same thing and addressed it often in responding to the conjecture the CIA had sent LHO there on some aspect of this because of his radar experience.

By the way, Ventry phoned me before completing his book, I poopooed his crazy notion, thought he agreed, so I suppose the commercial possibilities were more persuasive or he was not seeking truth.

Looking forward to your visit. Have something for you to read.

Best,

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Let us consider the case of a particle moving in a straight line with constant acceleration. The distance traveled in time t is given by the equation $s = \frac{1}{2}at^2$.

The velocity of the particle at any time t is given by $v = at$. The average velocity over the time interval t is $\frac{1}{2}at$.

The distance traveled is also equal to the average velocity multiplied by the time, $s = \frac{1}{2}at \cdot t = \frac{1}{2}at^2$.

This result is consistent with the equation derived from the definition of acceleration.