

U.S. 'Spy' Plane Flights Banned From Turk Bases

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ANKARA, April 1 (AP) — Turkey has prohibited the use of air bases in this country for U-2 type spy flights by U.S. Air Force planes, an authoritative government official affirmed today.

At the same time, Ankara has asked Washington for a review of the military and political aspects of bilateral agreements between the two countries and negotiations are under way in both capitals.

Turkey also has asked for a substantial increase in American military aid, from \$650 million to \$2 billion.

American Embassy officials here declined comment.

Spy flights originating from American bases in Turkey have caused political complications for the new right-wing government of Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel.

Last December, an American RB-57 two-man reconnaissance plane crashed under mysterious circumstances in the Black Sea off the Turkish coast. The plane, an up-to-date electronic version of the old U-2, had taken off from Incirlik air base in southern Turkey.

Leftist politicians and the press, highly critical of Demirel's friendship with America, stepped up their demands that Turkey's status

within NATO and its bilateral agreements with the United States be reviewed.

[State Department Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said in Washington, "We do not discuss the disposition of this type aircraft anywhere in the world." The Pentagon had no comment. But Washington sources pointed out that there have been no reported U-2 flights over Soviet territory, in accordance with a pledge by President Eisenhower, since Francis Gary Powers' U-2 was brought down in Russia in 1960. Powers took off from a base in Pakistan.]