

U.S. Air Force Team To Investigate Crash

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A team of Air Force investigators is en route to Saigon to try to find out what caused the crash of the C-5 Galaxy transport yesterday.

There was some speculation that sabotage might have been involved. Pentagon officials warned, however, that, while nothing could be ruled out until an investigation is made, there is no evidence now to suggest that the giant jet was sabotaged.

Sources said that the Air Force would probably switch to using C-141 jets instead of C-5s.

Some of the C-5s long-standing critics blamed the tragedy on the plane itself and called its use for such a mission a publicity stunt. Military officials claimed that the C-5 was better suited for moving equipment than children.

The C-5 Galaxy is the world's largest airplane. It is just 52 feet shorter than a football field and its tail stands six stories high. Its cost — \$56 million each — made "cost overrun" a household word.

It was built to carry tanks, helicopters, trucks, artillery pieces and other heavy military equipment. The C-5s

major achievement came during the 1973 Middle-East war when a shuttle of them carried tanks and other material to sustain Israel.

In all, 81 C-5s were built by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. Powered by four fanjet engines, it was controversial even before it first flew in 1968. Originally, the Air Force planned to buy 120 C-5s at \$29 million each. But as problems mounted and costs soared, the Pentagon cut back on its order.

His Hopes Came Crashing Down

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Immigration officials were checking a mid-Manhattan Chinese restaurant for illegal aliens when a man crashed through the ceiling to the floor.

An Immigration and Naturalization Service official said the man, a restaurant employee, had crept into the space between the true ceiling and the lowered ceiling to hide, but the plaster gave way. He was held for a hearing as a deportable alien.