

SUBJECT: Interview with Senator Richard B. Russell

"The Senator stated that after he was back in his compartment, lying down, the porter pulled down the shades. This was at least 10 minutes later and was not unusual. The Senator stated that he preferred to ride the train, taking it whenever possible. There was nothing unusual about his using the train on this trip. He did not feel the Russians were trying to conceal anything from him in this region. He did not see anything to indicate the presence of a big airforce base in this region. Elsewhere, he passed several airbases and no attempt was made to conceal them from him.

"The Senator has never seen a jet airplane take off at night. If these objects were jet airplanes, they climbed surprisingly rapidly.

"In addition to the foregoing, Senator Russell described the following interesting experience. A Russian major-general had invited him to go to a museum at Borodino, about 60 miles west of Moscow. An American officer named Taylor was anxious to make this trip and requested permission of the Russians to accompany the Senator, his translator and his military aide. Thereupon, the Russians called the whole thing off. The Senator told the Russians he had nothing to do with Taylor's request and threatened to pack his bags and denounce their invitation as a fraud. Permission was given for them to go without Taylor.

"On the way, they went through an area which he immediately took to be the Russian equivalent of Nike sites. It was about 40 miles from Moscow. At one place, they saw two installations which he was sure were radars. They were about 6 or 8 feet across. One he described as looking like an egg beater. About 2 or 3 miles away he saw a number of casemates which he was sure were guided missile installations. Trenches, barbed wire, etc. were all around this area. They passed two military funerals. Quite a number of roads had been built in the region."

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