

piece, and its location was reported by a U.S. B-29 operations in history began only nineteen hours after the 53 persons aboard, was found.

Dozens of airplanes, weather balloons, and other equipment, including the aircraft carrier's searchlight, were found in the area of the crash.

There were reports that Soviet submarines and surface ships were active in the area of the crash.

The U.S. Side seeks access to relevant archival material located at the Russian Navy Archives in Gatchina which might shed light on the fate of this C-124 and its 53 passengers. Soviet Naval personnel almost certainly witnessed the aircraft crash and would most likely have recorded the event in their ships' logs. Any information found would help formulate a final and accurate explanation to the families as to the circumstances of loss of these 53 men.

Mr. Khristoforov: Send your request and we will look into it.

Mr. Shea: Thank you very much. Now we would like to entertain any issues the Russian Side would like to present.