

## SOVIET PROTESTS U.S. BALLOONS ENDANGER AIRCRAFT

The Russian Foreign Office called a press conference,  
foreign correspondents cordially invited. ~~The object~~

to ~~show~~ <sup>show</sup> the world that <sup>many</sup> American balloons

had come down on Russian territory. They contain cameras  
for ~~automatically~~ photographing cloud formations at great

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height, and other heavy equipment. The Russians contend  
that property might be damaged when the balloons fall

and that the film can photograph military objects as well  
as clouds. They add that every country has the right

to the air above it. That, of course, is admitted

everywhere, as far as aeroplanes are concerned. Balloons,

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which can blow anywhere, complicate the issue. Russian

experts say balloons in large numbers are blown over from  
American bases in Western Germany and Turkey and, one more

point, they could wreck aeroplanes in their fall.