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Following is cover plan to be implemented immediately:

"U-2 aircraft was on weather mission originating Adana, Turkey.
Purpose was study of clear air turbulence.

During flight in Southeast Turkey, pilot reported he had
oxygen difficulties. This last word heard at 0700Z over emergency
frequency. U-2 aircraft did not land Adana as planned and it can
only be assumed is now down. A search effort is under way in
Lake Van area. "



FYI normal procedures for search for aircraft will be
initiated by Adana Base Commander and initial press release will
be from Adana. Pilot's name being withheld pending notification
of next of kin.

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