

COLLECTION	SILKWAY FILES
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Related press article	Gaytandzhieva, Dilyana - 350 Diplomatic Flights Carry Weapons for Terrorists
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CONTENTS	<p>The SilkWay leaked files published here contain, inter alia, the original:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airline flight data • Diplomatic notes sent by Embassy • Diplomatic notes sent by Foreign Ministry • Diplomatic Flight Clearance requests/approvals • Application forms detailing cargo • Email correspondences and attachments

File types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — MS Office 1997-2003 - .doc; .xls; .msg — PDF — JPEG — PNG
Interpreting the flight data	<p>Folder: FLIGHTS_NOTES_FORMS</p> <p>Each flight has been designated the following folder naming protocol showing departure > transfer > destination - flight_date/s.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>Folder name: UBBB - LQTZ - UBBB - OAKB 6-13-27.07.15-3-10.08.15</p> <p>Flight route</p> <p>UBBB - Heydar Aliyev International Airport, Baku, Azerbaijan > LQTZ - Tuzla International Airport, Bosnia and Herzegovina > UBBB - Heydar Aliyev International Airport, Baku, Azerbaijan > OAKB - Kabul International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan</p> <p>Please see Table 1 for a glossary of the ICAO codes designated to each airport under the internationally recognised ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization classification.</p> <p>Source: https://www.world-airport-codes.com/turkey/malatya-4393.html.</p>
Workstation_pc files	<p>Information contained on the pc (office computers) of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ilham Aliyev, Head of the Republic of Azerbaijan (President) • Mr. Vusal Abdullayev, Counsellor at the Azerbaijan Embassy • Dr. Nargiz Gurbanova, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Bulgaria • Mr. Kanan Mammadov <p>Correspondences of interest along with other embassy related business documentation</p> <p>UPDATE - October 9th, 2019: due to the personal identifiable information contained in these files, unrelated to the flight ordinance, these have <u>now been removed from public view</u>.</p>
Press articles	Relevant articles covering the exposure of Silk Way West airlines and other related information
Documentation (Examples)	Samples of diplomatic clearance applications, schedules of dangerous goods and a small snapshot of emails
Other Historical & Embassy related material	A varied collection of documents included in the original leak that cover inter embassy communications and researchers in central Asian history may find some of these useful and interesting material

Table 1 | ICAO World Airport Codes

ICAO Code	Airport/Base, City, Country
DFFD	Ouagadougou Airport, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
EDDM	Munich Airport, Munich, Germany
EDDP	Leipzig/Halle Airport, Leipzig, Germany
EDFH	Frankfurt-Hahn Airport, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
EKKA	Karup Airport, Karup, Denmark
EKSP	Skrydstrup Air Base, Vojens, Denmark
ELLX	Luxembourg-Findel International Airport, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
ENGM	Oslo Gardermoen Airport, Oslo, Norway
ESOE	Örebro Airport, Örebro, Sweden
FCBB	Maya-Maya Airport, Brazzaville, Congo
HCMM	Aden Adde International Airport, Mogadishu, Somalia
HLMS	Misratah Airport, Misratah, Libya
HSMN	Merowe New Airport, Merowe, Sudan
HSSS	Khartoum International Airport, Khartoum, Sudan
KJFK	John F Kennedy International Airport, New York, New York, United States
KTUS	Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Arizona, United States
LBBG	Burgas Airport, Burgas, Bulgaria
LBSF	Sofia Airport, Sofia, Bulgaria
LBWN	Varna Airport, Varna, Bulgaria
LDRI	Rijeka Airport, Rijeka, Croatia
LDZA	Zagreb Airport, Zagreb, Croatia
LFLX	Châteauroux-Déols "Marcel Dassault" Airport, Châteauroux/Déols, France
LIRF	Leonardo Da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport, Rome, Italy
LKMT	Ostrava Leos Janáček Airport, Ostrava, Czechia
LKPR	Václav Havel Prague Airport, Prague, Czechia
LLOV	Ovda International Airport, Eilat, Israel
LQSA	Sarajevo International Airport, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
LQTZ	Tuzla International Airport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
LROP	Henri Coanda International Airport, Bucharest, Romania
LSZH	Zürich Airport, Zürich, Switzerland
LTAG	Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey
LTAT	Malatya Erhaç Airport, Malatya, Turkey
LTBU	Tekirdag Çorlu Airport, Çorlu, Turkey
LTCC	Diyarbakir Airport, Diyarbakir, Turkey
LTCG	Trabzon International Airport, Trabzon, Turkey
LYBE	Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport, Belgrade, Serbia
LYNI	Nis Airport, Nis, Serbia
LYPG	Podgorica Airport, Pogdorica, Montenegro
LZIB	M. R. Štefánik Airport, Bratislava, Slovakia

LZSL	Sliac Airport, Sliac, Slovakia
OAIX	Bagram Air Base, Bagram, Afghanistan
OAKB	Kabul International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan
OAMS	Mazar I Sharif Airport, Afghanistan
OEIN	King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
OEJN	King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
OEPS	Prince Sultan Air Base, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia
OERY	Riyadh Air Base, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
OKBK	Kuwait International Airport, Kuwait City, Kuwait
OMAM	Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates
OMAW	(undetermined)
OMRK	Ras Al Khaimah International Airport, Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates
OOMS	Muscat International Airport, Muscat, Oman
ORBI	Baghdad International Airport, Baghdad, Iraq
ORER	Erbil International Airport, Arbil, Iraq
UATG	Atyrau Airport, Atyrau, Kazakhstan
UBBB	Heydar Aliyev International Airport, Baku, Azerbaijan
UBBI	(undetermined - may have been Nasosni Airport, Azerbaijan)
UKBB	Boryspil International Airport, Kiev, Ukraine
UKKM	Gostomel Airport, Kiev, Ukraine
UKLL	Lviv International Airport, Lviv, Ukraine
UMMA	Baranavichi Air Base, Baranavichi, Belarus
UMMS	Minsk National Airport, Minsk, Belarus
VCBI	Bandaranaike International Colombo Airport, Colombo, Sri Lanka
VIDP	Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, India