

U.S. Embassy Employee, Airport, Luggage, and Munitions?

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Moscow, Russia a major security alert was made at the Sheremetyevo airport when a U.S. Embassy employee attempted to fly from Russia to Heathrow Airport with a munition in his luggage.

The Russian foreign ministry said: "Bomb disposal experts were called in and confirmed that it was indeed a mortar with a detonator, but without an explosive substance although traces were present inside the shell."

The Embassy employee claims that he purchased the item as a souvenir at a military market in Moscow. He reportedly told Russian officials that the ordnance was for his personal collection.

Russians claim that the subject has direct links to the US military. Although the incident is still under investigation, the Embassy employee was allowed to depart on a direct flight to New York.