Read the following text and answer the questions below.

**Military Airlift Command Concludes PROVIDE HELP**

The United States is well known around the world for humanitarian relief and assistance to a country in need. Twelve cargo planes left bases in Germany and Turkey on 10 February bound for the Commonwealth of Independent States, formed after the collapse of America’s former adversary, the Soviet Union. The objective of Operation PROVIDE HOPE was to help meet urgent food and medical needs in the Commonwealth through a short-term airlift.

PROVIDE HOPE was reminiscent of the Berlin Airlift of 1948-49. Although the aircraft were more modern, there was still the one goal in the American eye of world freedom.

The United States airlifted 4, 070, 945 pounds of food and medical cargo from Rhein-Main to the new countries. Additionally about 50, 600 pounds donated by the people of Berlin was sent to St. Petersburg, Russia. Another 172, 278 pounds of material donated by the people of Turkey was sent from Ankara and Incirlik. Two Russian Antonov 124s airlifted an additional 47, 550 pounds on the final day, 26 February.

Overall responsibility for the aircraft used in the missions belonged to the US European Command. Most of the strategic units, including Guard and Reserve forces, had a hand in the operation. Funding for the operation came from a $100 million supplemental appropriation by Congress under the dire emergency statute.

1. Where did twelve American cargo planes fly to on 10 February?

2. What was the purpose of Operation PROVIDE HOPE?

3. What was the same about the Berlin Airlift of 1949-49 and PROVIDE HOPE?

4. Were the aircraft used in the Berlin Airlift the same as in PROVIDE HELP?

5. What kind of cargo did the United States transport to the new countries?

6. Did the Germans help as well?

7. Has the action finished yet?

8. How did the Turkish people help?

9. Who was responsible for the aircraft used?

10. Who else helped in the operation?