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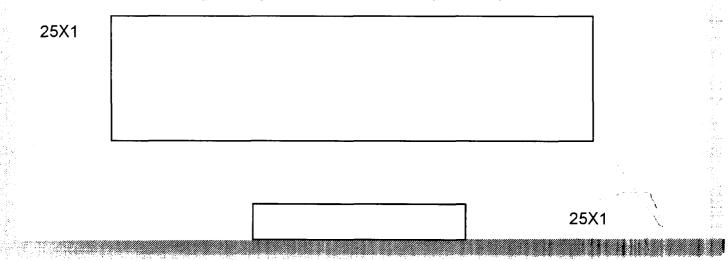
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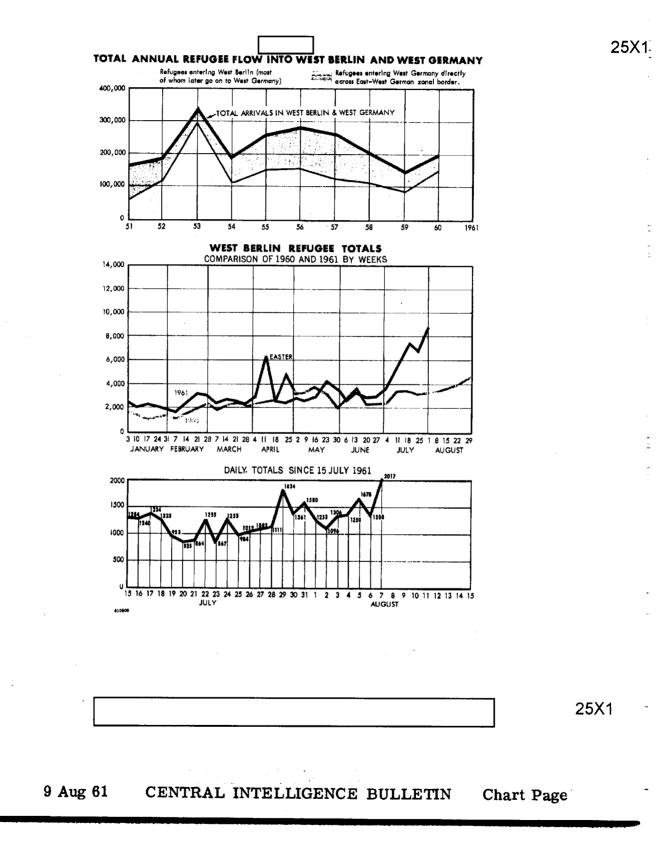
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Berlin: 2,017 East German refugees registered in West Berlin on 7 August, a record figure. The total included 160 "border crossers," East Germans and East Berliners whom the regime has been pressing to give up their jobs in West Berlin. (Chart)

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West Berlin: The US Mission in Berlin reports that although the "stanchness" of the West Berlin leadership remains ostensibly unimpaired, the outward optimism appears to shield greater doubt regarding the future of the city than at any time since the Soviet ultimatum of November 1958. The morale of political and public leaders is subject to "more fluctuations" than previously as new East-West negotiations draw near. The Berlin leaders still believe that the USSR does not want war and remain convinced that the West will not yield on the question of West Berlin's freedom. The US Mission reports that the Berliners are, however, apprehensive that what they consider vital elements of Berlin's present status may be "bargained away." They base their fears on what they refer to as the willingness of certain "political and opinion-forming groups" in the United States to make "damaging compromises" and their belief that the British eagerness to negotiate reflects a readiness to make one-sided concessions 7 25X1

West Germany: Defense Minister Strauss has told American officials in Bonn that Chancellor Adenauer has given him the go ahead on all "administrative measures" for boosting West Germany's military strength to meet the Berlin crisis, but has refused to allow an immediate call-up of reservists or extension of conscription. Adenauer indicated that such moves should come

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	25X1	only after the 17 September elections, and preferably should follow the announcement of similar measures by other NATO allies. According to Strauss, Adenauer wants to avoid creat- ing public unrest or making the Federal Republic appear as a "warmonger."]On 4 August Strauss publicly stated that plans were being made to complete the build-up of West Germany's eight divisions assigned to NATO, which are now at 70 to 80 percent of authorized strength. Strauss also announced new commitments totaling \$550,000,000 for the purchase of mil- itary equipment in the United States and Great Britain. Mean- while, Economics Minister Erhard and Finance Minister Etzel told a Christian Democratic campaign rally on 4 August that	
		the German people must be willing to make sacrifices for the 25X1 defense of liberty.	
		*Tunisia: A limited prisoner exchange on 6 August may have alleviated tension slightly in the Bizerte area. A poten- tial still exists, however, for renewed hostilities in the con- tinued French aerial surveillance over most of Tunisia, reten-	
		tion by French forces of strategic points outside the Bizerte	
		base, and the Tunisian military build-up as troops are returned from the Congo.	
	Erance: The reported concentration in the Paris area on 6-7 August of approximately eight Republican Security Com- panies drawn from other points in France indicates the gov- ernment's increasing concern over the current wave of plotting and coup rumors. The move may be connected with the reported warning from the minister of the interior to De Gaulle concern-		
		ing a possible assassination attempt. Current rumors focus on the period from 12 to 20 August as that in which such an attempt 25X1	
<u> </u>	25X1 may be made		
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