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G-2 DIVISION, BERLIN COMMAND
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
071600 Sep 61 - 151600 Sep 61
(ISUM #11)

1. (C) SOVIET FORCES:

a. Installation 2161 (Krampnitz) appears deserted. This kaserne housed the 10th Guards Tank Division Headquarters and two of its subordinate regiments - the 81st Guards Tank Regiment and the 29th Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment. Repeated aerial reconnaissance missions over this kaserne since 13 August 61 have pointed up a gradual decrease in activity. There can be little doubt that combat elements formerly housed in this installation are no longer present. An extremely low tank count in Installation 4102 (Berlin Biesdorf) indicates that the 68th Guards Tank Regiment ~~is no longer present~~ *maybe out of kaserne*

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b. Major elements of the 19th Guards Motorized Rifle Division are still out of their kasernes. There have been no significant changes in the status of this unit since 13 August 61.

c. Other Soviet units in or near Berlin appear to be in their kasernes.

2. (C) EAST GERMAN ARMY FORCES:

a. Some of the EGA Forces formerly in East Berlin have been withdrawn. Still remaining are two motorized rifle regiments (one in Installation 4225 and one in Installation 4083) and a tank regiment and engineer battalion in Installation 4121. These units are held to be subordinate to the 8th Motorized Rifle Division.

b. An unidentified motorized rifle regiment and tank regiment has been located vicinity Neu Zittau (VUL45052). Possible that these units are subordinate to 1st Motorized Rifle Division whose major elements are presently out of their kasernes.

c. G2 BERLIN COMMAND COMMENT: There is no indication that EGA plans to evacuate Berlin completely. Units that were withdrawn are believed to be just outside Berlin ready for commitment on short notice.

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3. (C) GARRISONED SECURITY FORCES:

a. Border Security Police (BSP) are now employed on the sector/sector border between UU991068 and UU975136. This is significant in that BSP's mission in past has been to guard the sector/zonal border. This is an indication that sector/sector border is now being considered as the East German border.

b. Most of the work on fences around West Berlin is being accomplished by BSP's and VOPO's. BSP units involved are the 12th, 13th and 14th Regiments.

4. (C) ACCESS SITUATION:

a. Railways: During this reporting period, no attempts were made by the East Germans to interfere with railway operations; however, an attempt was made by an unidentified East German youth to board the Berlin-Frankfurt duty train which was halted at Magdeburg on 14 September. The youth was presumably attempting to flee East Germany, however, he was denied entry to the train. This occurrence might be construed as an attempt on the part of the East German regime to create an incident.

b. Autobahn:

(1) On 13 Sep 61, a US soldier traveling on the Autobahn was halted midway between Berlin and Helmstedt by VOPO's who told the soldier that he should not drive in the right-hand lane. He was released immediately.

(2) On 11 Sep 61, a US convoy of 7 trucks was halted at the Babelsburg Checkpoint for processing, at which time two violations of the processing procedure occurred. A Soviet private twice climbed onto the back end of two different vehicles in order to look inside. Each time he was removed by force by the convoy commander and reprimanded. A Soviet officer was present during both violations, but did nothing to correct the Soviet soldier. The convoy was processed without delay and encountered no other incidents while traveling the Autobahn.

c. Air Corridors:

(1) Reports have been received to the effect that the East German regime will order civilian air traffic to West Berlin to return to their originating points or to land in East Germany. Military traffic is to remain unhampered. These reports are as yet unconfirmed, however acts such as this are in keeping with East German "salami" tactics.

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d. East Berlin:

(1) US Military and civilian vehicles continue to visit East Berlin without major incident. All vehicles are made to stop upon entering the Friedrichstrasse access point, presumably for inspection, and then are allowed to proceed. Restricted areas remain unchanged, and are carefully complied with. There were no incidents of US Military detentions during this period.

(2) MP's report POV's with stateside license are required to submit to a complete vehicle search upon entering East Berlin.

e. Canals: Ref RNR 196, 15 Sep 61, East German barge pilot reports, East/West German border will be declared a "National Boundary" effective 0001 hrs, 15 Sep 61. Barge personnel advised that special permission will be necessary for all nationals to cross the border. (F-3)

f. Telecommunications: Omitted.

g. U-Bahns, S-Bahns: One S-Bahn is operating from the American Sector to East Berlin. Lines to Potsdamer Platz are presently operational. This line goes underground at Anhalter Bahnhof. U-Bahn from American Sector to Washauer Bruecke is still in operation.

5. (C) HOSTILE RECONNAISSANCE: Hostile reconnaissance patrols continue to maintain surveillance of installations in West Berlin. A slight increase in the previous approximate average of 3 Soviet reconnaissance vehicles entering West Berlin per day has been observed.

6. (C) REFUGEES: Final tally for the week has not yet been received.

7. (C) POPULATION ATTITUDES:

a. The bulk of East Berlin and East German discontent continues to lie in youth circles as opposition mounts toward the East German regime's armed forces campaign for recruitment. The stern restrictive actions of 13 Aug 61 continues to remain a strong point of discontent.

b. Reference DISC 152: Although East Berliners bitterly resent the sector border sealing, there are signs of resignation to the situation. The populace feels oppressed and discouraged by constant surveillance. The East Berliners' major topic of discussion is the recent series of proposals by the party calling for an increase

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in the workers productivity. Workers consider campaign first step to raise work norms. Much resistance to campaign reported from industrialized areas of East Berlin.

8. (C) PROPAGANDA:

a. Intensive East German party propaganda campaign launched concerning the assignment of General Clay to Berlin. The campaign apparently launched to dissuade the East Berlin populace that the East German authorities will be forced to relax their restrictive measures due to expected policies to be implemented by General Clay.

b. Abuse of the air corridors continues to be a minor theme of East German propaganda, however, coal was added to this fire on 14 Sep 61 with the landing of two West German Air Force jets in West Berlin. The pilots of the jets stated they were headed for an area south of Munich but got lost.

9. (C) OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS: No major changes in the Berlin situation during the past week. Barriers on streets along the sector/sector border have been reinforced by placing low concrete barriers across the streets in an effort to discourage barrier-crashers.

10. (C) NEW MATERIAL IDENTIFICATIONS: No new material identifications were made during this period.

11. (C) NEW UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS: No new units have been identified during this period, however, complete confirmation has been made on units from 8th EGA Motorized Rifle Division.

12. (C) AIR ACTIVITY:

a. Soviet jets have escorted Pan American aircraft on two occasions - perhaps hunting for F-84 from West Germany that strayed into Berlin while looking for Munich.

b. USAREUR gives Schoenfeld jet capability. Also states airfield is operational.

13. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS: During the reporting period, there were 14 ground reconnaissance patrols dispatched to East Berlin; 56 staff tours were made in East Berlin; 16 helicopter flights were made over the sector/sector and sector/zonal borders; two C-47 flights were made around the Berlin Ring; 28 ground reconnaissance patrols were made of the sector/sector border from the American side; and 16 ground reconnaissance patrols were made along the sector/zonal borders.

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14. (C) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: Reference USAREUR Message SX-5551:

a. Review of hostile intelligence reaction to the current Berlin situation by USAREUR has revealed seven instances in which hostile agents have been given new or additional EEI related to US Military activity. Typical EEI included assignments to report on USAREUR alert status, troop movements, arrival of new weapons, possible departure of dependents, and reaction of US personnel to the current situation. Most EEI, however, were repetitions of previous assignments and in only one instance were EEI described by the hostile handling agent as "urgent" requirements.

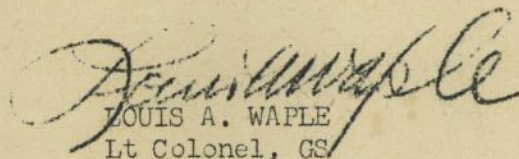
b. In general, hostile intelligence is giving expected priority to requirements on US Military action. It has been reported that Soviet and East German intelligence assignments are not generally marked by the urgency noted in previous periods of tension such as the 1956 revolt in Hungary or the 1958 Lebanon situation.

15. (C) MISCELLANEOUS: Reference ISUM #10, G-2 Division, Berlin Command, 311600 Aug 61 - 71600 Sep 61. Delete so much of paragraph 2 as reads "2. (C) EAST GERMAN ARMY FORCES" and change lettering of subparagraph 2a to "b" placing it under paragraph 1.

16. (C) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

a. Border Security Police along the sector/sector border is abnormal and may be an indication that East German authorities intend to establish this line as the East German border when and if a separate peace treaty is signed.

b. Location of unidentified tank regiment and motorized rifle regiment vicinity Neu Zittau (VU145052) fixes elements of two divisions in or near East Berlin.


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