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G2 DIVISION, BERLIN COMMAND
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
Period Ending-162400 Nov 61
(ISUM #14) (U)

1. (S) SOVIET FORCES:

a. (S) On 11 Nov 61, a ground reconnaissance patrol observed at Installation 4163, Berlin/Karlshorst, home of the 83rd Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment, more than the normal amount of vehicles. There were three rows of vehicles under tarps, approximately twenty vehicles in each row. Also in the area were several tents and a ZIL 164 (Commo van).

b. (S) On 15 Nov 61, elements of the 94th Guards Rifle Division moved out of SCHWERIN, (PE 5943) and road marched south to field locations in the vicinity of KLOTZE, (PD 4633). The reason for this move is not known at the present time.

c. (C) US Military Liaison Mission received a temporary restricted area map which is effective from 120600-182400 Nov 61. General area covered is from WURZEN (US 4593, east of LEIPZIG) north to FINSTERWALDE (VT 1021, southwest of COTTBUS) east to Polish border, south to a permanent restricted area near DRESDEN, which extends to the Czechoslovakian border. The DRESDEN-COTTBUS Autobahn is excluded from the restricted area.

COMMENT: Purpose of the tenth temporary restricted area is unknown, but location and size indicate a possible field exercise involving a river crossing at the traditional Torgau-Muhlberg, Elbe sites. No information is available to indicate whether GSFG, EGA or both will use the area. Location adjacent to Poland and to permanent restricted areas bordering Czechoslovakia provide limited access for forces from those countries if Warsaw Pact to be involved. The size of area will probably limit participating forces to the equivalent of roughly two divisions.

2. (C) EAST GERMAN ARMY FORCES:

The current estimated East German Army Ground Forces strength has increased since August from a previous figure of 70,000 to a new total of 80,000. Probable that the 10,000 increase was absorbed by understrength units.

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3. (C) GARRISON SECURITY FORCES:

a. At 161500 Nov 61, Border Security Police were observed along the sector/sector border from Friedrichstrasse south to the sector/zonal border. Number of BSP's was unusually large and VoPo strength appeared to be considerably reduced.

COMMENT: BSP appear to be assuming increasing responsibility for the sector/sector border.

b. Inactivation 12th Border Security Police Regiment, BLUMBERG, is confirmed. Personnel used to reinforce other units in II Border Guards Brigade, Security Alert Police, and to organize new 5th Battalion in Installation 4222, Berlin/Koopnick, subordinate to I Border Guards Brigade (SAP). Chief of Staff of former 12th BSP Regiment reported to be the commander of the new 5th Battalion. All Battalions 1st Border Guard Brigade (SAP) have now been located.

c. Defectors stated that SAP and Border Command units received orders to be combat-ready by 15 Nov. Possible that readiness status concerns maneuver activity by EGA or Warsaw Pact forces which is expected to begin mid-November and which may involve some SAP or BC units. Defectors also confirm that Border companies and battalions are now being reorganized. Fragmentary information presently available indicates companies will be organized similar to EGA Rifle Companies and that at least 5 Brigades will be located on West-East German Border. Each Brigade will possibly be organized similar to light Motorized Rifle Division.

d. Recent defectors from the 12th BSP Company stated that each BSP Company would receive the new Kalashnikov Assault Rifle. They further stated that each BSP Company would reorganize 1 platoon into a heavy weapons platoon consisting of 24 heavy machine guns and would receive 2 BTR-40's per company. The defectors stated they had already received 3 new trucks per company. Defectors also stated that the 12th BSP Company was reinforced by an unknown number of SAP personnel from KARL-MARX-STADT and FRANKFURT/ODER at the end of October.

4. (C) ACCESS SITUATION:

a. (U) Railways:

No recognized attempts were made by Soviet or East Germans to interfere with railway operations.

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b. (C) Autobahn:

(1) VoPos have been seen in increasing numbers on the Autobahn and at Autobahn Checkpoints, either attempting to control Allied Traffic or observing Soviet control procedures. Possibility that East German Police are being trained on control procedures.

(2) Several minor changes in processing procedures at both Babelsburg and Marienborn Checkpoints were introduced by Soviet and East German Army personnel; however, no major developments have occurred.

(3) On 16 Nov, a US Army convoy travelling from Berlin to Helmstedt was detained for approximately one hour at Marienborn Checkpoint by Soviet personnel. The Soviets stated that the movement order was incorrect as to the total amount of enlisted men; however, when the convoy arrived at Helmstedt, it was determined that the movement order was correct and the Soviets were incorrect on their count.

COMMENT: Possibly the Soviets detained the convoy to prevent their observing possible convoy movements on or across the Autobahn. During the day numerous VoPo vehicles were observed on the autobahn and at approximately 1610 hours, a convoy, military designation unknown, consisting of 32 armored and cargo carriers was observed travelling north to south under the Magdeburg Bridge, which is approximately 75 miles West of Berlin.

c. (C) East Berlin:

(1). (C) At 091955 Nov 61, a Ground Reconnaissance Patrol in East Berlin was stopped at the intersection of ROSS-LAVERSTRASSE and GLOBSOWERSTRASSE, Berlin/Biesdorf, by a Soviet Officer who inquired as to why the patrol was in a restricted area. The patrol denied passing a "Restricted Area" sign, and upon leaving the area, they looked for such a sign and were unable to find one. After being detained for approximately 5 minutes, the Soviet Officer stated that if the patrol returned to that area again, they would be arrested.

COMMENT: This area, which houses the 68th Guards Tank Regiment, has been restricted before. This is the fifth time since 13 Aug 61 that a Soviet Officer has threatened a patrol. On 28 Aug 61, a patrol was threatened with detention

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the next time it came into the area. On 29 Aug 61, a patrol was threatened with arrest the next time. On 30 Aug 61, a patrol was told it would be taken to the Soviet Kommandant the next time it came into the area. On 8 Sep 61, a patrol was told the next time an American Officer would have to come to effect their release.

(2) (C) On the local scene at Friedrich Strasse crossing point in Berlin, stockpiling of building material has been noted on the East Berlin side. On 7 Nov, Schuetzen Strasse, (perpendicular to Friedrich Strasse) in the East Sector was closed. On 15 Nov, the second barrier on Friedrich Strasse extending across Mauer Strasse was reinforced by steel I beams placed behind the present concrete slabs. Otherwise, the purpose of the accumulated building material in the vicinity is not known. Speculation that the East Germans will close Friedrich Strasse crossing point and open an alternate street, possibly Brandenburg Gate, in the British Sector, remains unconfirmed.

5. (C) Hostile Reconnaissance:

Hostile reconnaissance patrols continue to maintain surveillance of installations in the American Sector of West Berlin. The approximate average is 4 Soviet vehicles per day.

6. (C) REFUGEES:

a. During this period, an average of 19 refugees per day were processed at the Marienfelde Refugee Center. This is a decrease of approximately 35% since the last reporting period.

b. (U) At 142110 Nov, 5 East Germans in a 1930 Opel with a Frankfurt/Oder license plate crashed through the traffic barricade at the Chausseestrasse border crossing point (French Sector). Occupants were two 30 year old males and 3 females between 24 and 45 years old. As the vehicle approached the border, a VoPo on duty shouted for it to halt. When the vehicle did not stop, the VoPo in charge pulled out his pistol and fired 6 shots at the vehicle. Two other VoPos on duty as well as a border patrol which happened to be at the crossing point began firing at the vehicle with automatic weapons. Approximately 100 shots either hit the vehicle or landed in East Berlin. The vehicle successfully reached West Berlin territory where it literally "fell apart" approximately 200 meters from the border. None of the 5 occupants were injured. The vehicle had been outfitted with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch steel plates which deflected most of the shots although one tire was hit and the windshield was shattered.

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7. (C) POPULATION ATTITUDES:

On 7 Nov 61, Willi Brandt made a statement in counteraction to recent alarmist press reports. A condensation of pertinent facts of this release is as follows:

a. Berlin situation stabilizing.

b. Economic production from January to September of this year shows increase of 11.5 per cent over previous year. Number of job holders has grown, and a continued increase in tax revenues noted.

c. Since September, deposits in West Berlin credit institutions have become normalized. Savings deposits are satisfactory.

d. With respect to reports concerning population movement to and from West Berlin, it must be noted that in relation to West Germany, Berlin has always experienced migration losses, which up to 13 August was balanced by in-migration from Soviet Zone territory. In-migration from West Germany has increased considerably since 13 August. While number of moves away from the city had increased particularly in early September, it has continued to fall off since beginning of October.

e. Stabilization of Berlin situation will continue to progress.

8. (C) PROPAGANDA:

Newspapers, leaflets, posters and placards continue to be distributed within West Berlin by Communist organization members. Propaganda themes are varied, but continue to center mainly on the old themes, such as, "Western Provocations;" and "a Free, Demilitarized City". There has been no noted increase in these efforts.

9. (C) OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

A BSP defector states that construction on the fence along both sides of the access road leading into Steinstuecken from the American Sector, will start in the near future. Evidence of this is the fact that concrete posts are already in place.

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10. (C) NEW MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION:

New 8 x 8 Armored Personnel Carrier armed with one 12.7mm and two 7.62mm machine guns appeared in 7 Nov parade in Moscow.

COMMENT: Development of some type 8 x 8 wheel armored personnel carrier has been expected for some time. New vehicle shown in Moscow has open top and is believed to have amphibious capability. Capacity is probably 12-14 men.

Appearance of new personnel carrier is further evidence that Soviets are continuing their development of armored vehicles. Introduction of the second wheeled amphibious armored carrier in two years indicates that Soviets are in favor of the use of wheeled rather than track vehicles in armored carrier role. Reasons for this may be found in production difficulties rather than military requirements. This may also explain general lack of track BTR-50P in Soviet troop units.

11. (C) NEW UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS:

See paragraph #3 above.

12. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS:

During this reporting period, there were 21 ground reconnaissance patrols dispatched to East Berlin; 49 Staff Tours were made in East Berlin; 6 helicopter flights were made over the sector/sector and sector/zonal borders; 14 ground reconnaissance patrols were made of the sector/sector border from the American side; and 7 ground reconnaissance patrols were made along the sector/zonal border.

13. (U) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

(1) (U) SECURITY:

During this reporting period, G2 Security has received many complaint-type requests for investigation concerning US military personnel who have and are corresponding with East German Nationals residing in Iron Curtain Countries.

Commanders are reminded of their responsibility to insure that all personnel are informed of the provisions of AR 381-12, letter, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Hq USAREUR, dated 18 May 1960, Subject: "Correspondence Between US Personnel and Persons in Iron Curtain Countries", and Berlin Command Circular 360-6, for guidance in this Security Education Program.

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(2) (U) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

The various items of new weapons, ammunition and other equipment now being issued, though unclassified, are considered to be of considerable technical intelligence interest to the SOVIET BLOC. Intelligence anticipates that hostile intelligence collection agencies will conduct intelligence operations to obtain samples of this equipment. Because of its exposed position, Berlin Command is most vulnerable to such operations.

Every reasonable precaution consistent with overall operational requirements should be taken to protect this equipment from hostile intelligence collection efforts. All troops should be imbued with the importance of safeguarding new equipment from hostile exploitation. Such orientation should be accomplished through continued emphasis in security education programs.

Pending publication of a security directive on Loss of Equipment, the following guidance is offered: In the event a loss occurs, a local investigation should be conducted to determine if the enemy is attempting to procure, or has procured, the item in question. If the investigation indicated an enemy effort, G2, Berlin Command will be immediately informed.

14. (C) MISCELLANEOUS:

a. On 10 November 61, 2 Border Security Police defectors from the 12th BSP Company which guards Steinstucken, walked into the exclave in full uniform with weapons. They were held overnight and flown to Andrews Barracks the following day without incident.

b. On 3 November 61, a 3-man US border patrol approached the sector/zonal border fence at UU 759069. Two BSP officers approached the patrol and informed the patrol leader that they were on East German territory and to "please leave". The patrol leader asked the BSP Officers where the border was located. One of the BSP Officers pointed to a sign located 60 feet from the fence on the US side. The patrol departed the area without further questions.

COMMENT: Investigation revealed that the fence was some 60 feet inside East German territory. The patrol interpreted the fence as the border.

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15. (C) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

a. Uneasy calm prevailing in the Berlin situation since 28 Oct when Soviet and US tanks faced each other at the Berlin sector border, continued throughout the past week. In addition to the quiet at the sector border and on the Helmstedt-Berlin Autobahn, utterances of both the Soviet and East German Party Chiefs have given rise to cautious optimism. Premier Khrushchev told Western reporters on 7 Nov during the festivities commemorating the "Great October Revolution" of 1917 that he was not in a hurry to settle the Berlin question. He insisted, however, that such a settlement could not be indefinitely delayed but added "we must not push each other around". East Germany's Walter Ulbricht, upon his return to Berlin on 3 Nov, stated that "the talks between Soviet Union and the United States have shown possibility that objective negotiations on a peaceful solution of these (German and Berlin) questions may come about". During the 7 Nov celebrations at the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, Ulbricht said that "a peaceful solution of the West Berlin question is only possible with respect for the sovereignty of the German Democratic Republic and its Capital (East Berlin)". Ulbricht failed to specify the future status of West Berlin as a "demilitarized, neutral, free city" and to mention East German future control over the access routes to the city. Additionally, Prime Minister Nehru reported in Washington on 7 Nov that Khrushchev had told him during his Sep visit in Moscow that Allied access rights to West Berlin must be preserved. All of these conciliatory statements are, of course, made for Western ears. However, a formal offer for negotiations could be forthcoming from Moscow before Chancellor Adenauer meets with President Kennedy. The Soviets have a habit of attempting to upset such meetings with attempts to retain the initiative. A proposal, for example, for Bi-lateral US-Soviet discussions accompanied by a denunciation of alleged West German "Militarism and Revanchism" could well be forthcoming.

b. Estimated effect of accelerated recruiting program which began in August has resulted in over 30,000 new men for the Armed Forces (EGA, EGN, EGAF and Garrisoned Security Forces). In addition, there are no firm indications as to the number of recruits sent to each Armed Force from the 30,000 total. It is estimated that at least 10,000 were sent to EGA. Most recruits were inducted by early October. There are no indications that any great effort is now under way for additional inductions in November and December. In fact, reports indicate many personnel who were originally recruited have had their induction indefinitely deferred.

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