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G2 DIVISION, BERLIN BRIGADE
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
Period Ending 072400 Dec 61
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1. (S) SOVIET FORCES:

a. The 10th Guards Tank Division in Krampnitz, 19th Motorized Rifle Division in Dallgow-Doberitz, 6th Motorized Rifle Division in Bernau and 34th Artillery Division at Potsdam have been at home stations training locally for the past three weeks. Probable reason for "staying home" is the fact that Soviets train recruits in East Germany each year and are probably engaged in that activity at present. They normally ship one third of the recruits back to the Soviet Union. No reports have been received thus far to indicate that they have been shipped back this year. The large Warsaw Pact maneuver that was expected did not materialize; at least in the proportions expected. The need for individual and small unit training may have outweighed the need for a large combined maneuver.

b. Installation 4163 (Karlshorst), home of 133d Independent Guards Battalion, an unidentified SAP unit, and possibly an additional small Soviet tactical unit, is in the process of being expanded. A large area has been cleared for apparent construction of buildings of unknown type.

c. The Soviets have organized their strategic missile capabilities into a new and separate type of armed force, co-equal with the Air Forces, Ground Forces, Naval Forces and Air Defense Forces. This new force, designated "Rocket Forces", is headed by a Deputy Minister of Defense, Marshal K. S. Moskalenko, who functions as its designated Commander-in-Chief. It is presently believed that the echelons subordinate to the Rocket Forces exercise an operational responsibility similar to the Long Range Air Armies, Groups of Forces, Military Districts, Naval Forces, and Air Defense Districts. This operational echelon is currently estimated to be the organization which controls the firing and deployment of all strategic missiles and furnishes vehicles for the space program. Control probably passes from the Ministry of Defense through the Commander-in-Chief of Rocket Troops.

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2. (C) EAST GERMAN ARMY FORCES:

a. An unusually large amount of East German Army vehicles were observed in East Berlin during the reporting period. Most of the vehicles were observed in the Berlin-Mitte area. The large volume of traffic observed during the period 2 - 4 December is associated with the construction of new walls at the Friedrich Strasse and Heinrich Heine Strasse crossing points. The large volume of traffic observed on 5 and 6 December which included a significant increase in LD 1800 A trucks has no clear meaning at present. The LD 1800 A is a replacement for the Garant 32 and 30-K and is equipped with a Diesel engine. The chassis for the LD 1800 A is believed to be same for both the truck version and ambulance version of this vehicle. It is highly probable, although not confirmed, that the truck version possesses a dumping capability. If the latter is correct, this vehicle could replace a considerable number of various cargo trucks and dump trucks.

b. Personnel in East German Army uniform were stationed as a show-of-force guard a pace inside the line (border) at Friedrich Strasse while construction of new wall was in progress. Should any of the members of this guard desired to defect, they could have done so by taking one pace forward. This did not happen and led to some speculation that these personnel were not East German Army but rather Security Guards Police, MFS (State Security Ministry) or some other extremely reliable group dressed in EGA uniforms. That these personnel could have been EGA, however, is not discounted and could be an indication that additional measures, such as threats against family members, etc., are being taken to increase the reliability of the EGA. Additionally, it is a great likelihood that the failure of the West to take positive action to bring down the Berlin Wall is resulting in increasing apathy on the part of all segments of the East German populace. With each additional concrete slab, lift barrier or strand of wire emplaced, the reliability of the EGA soldier increases and the will to resist Communist action decreases.

3. (C) GARRISON SECURITY FORCES:

a. Installation 4222 (Berlin Kopenick), home of the 5th SAP Bn, 1st SAP Brigade, is also believed to house a Border Security Police unit of unknown size. Personnel in complete BSP uniform have been observed at the installation for the past few weeks. The installation is large enough to house a two-battalion-size para-military force with normal organic equipment.

b. Installation 4223 (Berlin Rummelsburg), home of the 4th SAP Bn, 1st SAP Brigade, is in a similar process of expansion to

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Installation 4163 (Par 1b, above). A large amount of lumber and concrete blocks are stacked inside, and building construction appears to be in progress. It is not known at present whether the new buildings are to be administrative, billets, or covered storage.

4. (C) ACCESS SITUATION:

a. Railways:

(1) New double-tracked electrified S-Bahn line from Oranienburg (UU 8147) to East Berlin-Pankow via Birkenwerder (UU 8439), Hohen Neuendorf (UU 8437), Blankenburg (UU 9528) was placed in operation 19 November. Trains operate at speeds up to 80 kilometers per hour. Service to be extended to East Berlin-Warschauer Strasse via East Berlin-Schoenhauser Allee in mid-December when bridge on Maximilian Strasse, East Berlin, and track work in Pankow and on Schoenhauser Allee completed.

COMMENT: Construction of new line started in August after old line through West Berlin closed. Speeds of 80 kilometers per hour probably possible only on old portions of line where tracks were previously in place. Operational difficulties and slow speed limits are anticipated on new portions because of hasty construction.

(2) No recognized attempts were made by Soviet or East Germans to interfere with Allied railway operations during this period.

b. Air Corridors:

A US Air Force transport-type aircraft was "buzzed" several times by a Soviet jet in the air corridor to Frankfurt. This is the first incident of this type in several weeks. Whether the buzzing act was directed by Soviet authorities or the act of an overly-zealous pilot is unknown.

c. Autobahn:

The only item of significant interest during this period, was the tailing of the 2nd and 3rd serials of "C" Co, 2nd BG, while proceeding down the Autobahn. For the first 50 miles from Helmstedt East German Police were stationed every five miles and at each overhead bridge.

The Soviet News Agency TASS portrayed the American troop transfers on the Berlin/Helmstedt Autobahn as a "provocation" which could have "dangerous consequences". In the report it is explained

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that the American military leaders failed in their "provocations" at Friedrichstrasse and have transferred their "provocative actions" to the Autobahn. General Clay was listed as one of the instigators.

d. East Berlin:

(1) During the period 031900Z to 040900Z 13 US military vehicles in East Berlin were tailed, detained or subjected to vandalism by personnel in VOPO uniforms. Personnel doing the tailings are believed to be MFS (State Security Ministry).

(2) A British tour visiting East Berlin, comprised of 1 officer and 1 EM, was detained for approximately 30 minutes in the vicinity of Installation 4102, Berlin/Biesdorf. The vehicle was detained by a Soviet Lt and 2 Soviet EM. Tour was allowed to proceed without further incident after detention.

COMMENT: This is the first incident of detention in East Berlin involving British military vehicles.

5. (C) HOSTILE RECONNAISSANCE:

Hostile reconnaissance patrols continue to maintain surveillance of installations in the American Sector of West Berlin. The approximate average has increased to about 7 Soviet vehicles per day. In retaliation to detention of US vehicles in the Soviet Sector, Soviet vehicles have been detained for not more than a 2-hour period in the US Sector by US Military Police patrols. The detention of Soviet vehicles appears to have effected a halt in the detention of US vehicles in East Berlin but periodic tailings continue.

6. (C) REFUGEES:

During this period, an approximate average of 30 refugees per day were processed at the Marienfelde Refugee Center. This is a slight increase since the last reporting period. During the month of November 883 refugees were registered at the Marienfelde Refugee Center. This figure is a decrease of 321 refugees from the previous month.

7. (C) POPULATION ATTITUDES:

a. Apparently, there is some feeling on the part of a segment of the East German populace that an attack on West Berlin is imminent. One non-German source who has contacts in the East gave as reasons for this belief the following:

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(1) The Berlin Wall cost over 1 million Marks and would not have been erected unless it was supposed to serve some strategic purpose, namely that of deceiving the West after the shock of 13 August in order that the second phase of the attack on West Berlin could come off with some element of surprise. For this reason source figured the attack on the "quietest" day such as Christmas.

(2) Army units have been stationed near the railroad stations in East Berlin and East Germany, and unusually large numbers of railroad flats are standing near the Berlin Ring and not in current use.

(3) The sudden and inexplicable food shortage. Food suddenly became extremely scarce without a tapering off. A belief exists that the food is being stockpiled for some future need - in the source's opinion for the period following the attack on West Berlin.

b. The majority of information received indicates that the East German attitude toward the Western Allies is a favorable one, but they can foresee no assistance from the West and are drifting more and more into a state of apathy gradually losing their will to resist the Ulbricht Regime.

8. (C) PROPAGANDA:

The 2 Dec issue of NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, the East German SED sponsored newspaper, carried the following ADN dispatch: "According to reports of Western agencies, all offices of the US Army in West Berlin have been combined to form a US Army Brigade under Maj Gen Watson and have been placed under the command of US Army Headquarters in Europe. (sic)

"As ADN has learned from experts, the US Headquarters underlines by this measure that there is no more four-power status of Berlin. At the same time the US troops stationed in West Berlin are clearly declared to be NATO forces whose stay in West Berlin is absolutely incompatible with the peaceful interests of the German people and the Potsdam Agreement. US troops placed under the command of the NATO High Command of Central Europe under the supreme command of Nazi General Speidel have no business in West Berlin. There is no international legal basis for their stationing in the city."

9. (C) OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

a. East Berlin Communists constructed new obstacles at sector/sector crossing points during the evening of 3 Dec 61. The

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obstacles consist of tetrahedrons mounted in concrete and new concrete walls placed at and in the immediate vicinity of Friedrichstrasse. Similar obstacles were constructed near the crossing points of Bornholmer Strasse and Chaussee Strasse, opposite the French Sector, near Invaliden Strasse, opposite the British Sector, and near Prinzen Strasse and Sonnen Allee, opposite the US Sector. Traffic remained normal at all crossing points.

COMMENT: The closing of crossing points is not anticipated. The Communist action was obviously an additional attempt to convince the populace that the new walls are necessary defensive measures. Frequent Western statements that Berlin wall must come down and US troop movements on Autobahn are added to list of "provocations". In any event, this opportunity was used as propaganda to prove the need for defense against US actions similar to the armed penetrations of the Friedrich Strasse crossing point in late October and against West German "Revanchist and Militarist Plans". The possibility exists that Communists anticipate a renewal of the US "probes" in connection with identification procedures of US civilians. The Communists are aware that the US has only suspended the civilian travel across the sector border and has not relinquished the right to uncontrolled travel for persons riding in US Forces licensed vehicles.

b. A preliminary translation of the ADN press release made on the night of the new construction is as follows: "The press office of the Ministry of the Interior of the DDR announces: In today's evening hours, normal technical measures were begun, at other sections of the state border of the DDR towards West Berlin, which are necessary in the interests of guaranteeing security. It is to be hoped that these measures of normal border security will contribute to warn the West Berlin politicians of the risk of ill-considered actions. The security of our border vis-a-vis West Berlin is, as already once pointed out, a confirmation that the government of the German Democratic Republic does not have the intention of interfering with the municipal order of the future Free City of West Berlin."

10. (C) NEW MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION:

During this period there were no new material identifications made other than additional sightings of LD 1800 A vehicles (Par 2a, above).

11. (C) NEW UNIT IDENTIFICATION:

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12. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS:

During this reporting period, there were 21 ground reconnaissance patrols dispatched to East Berlin; 22 Staff Tours were made in East Berlin; 6 helicopter flights were made over the sector/sector and sector/zonal borders; 1 helicopter photographic reconnaissance mission was flown over the ~~Marienborn~~ *Babalsburg* Checkpoint; 21 ground reconnaissance patrols were made of the sector/sector border from the American side; and 14 ground reconnaissance patrols were made along the sector/zonal border.

13. (C) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY:

a. Security:

Clarification of British "RESTRICTED": Pending change to BC Circular 380-5, material and/or information classified RESTRICTED by British Forces will be handled and stored as CONFIDENTIAL-Modified Handling Authorized as outlined in paragraph 36, AR 380-5.

b. Counterintelligence:

That the communist regime will go to any extent to disseminate its propaganda was brought to light recently by the following incident: A newcomer to West Berlin was recently transferred from Paris, France. This individual was a subscriber to Newsweek magazine and received this publication from his Paris address, addressed to him by name, unit and organization through international mail channels and then delivered to his present address in Berlin by the West Berlin Post Office.

Upon scanning this issue of Newsweek, the recipient noticed that the two center pages which normally carry advertisements had been removed and an East German propaganda leaflet in German language had been substituted. This leaflet entitled "The Peace Treaty Will be Concluded" reported on an interview between a representative of the East German newspaper NEUES DEUTSCHLAND and Walter ULRICHT. Its contents repeated the communists demands concerning the conclusion of a peace treaty and the settlement of the Berlin situation. Fortunately, the subscriber was acquainted with the German language and therefore was able to determine the leaflet was not part of the magazine but an attempt by the East to disseminate their propaganda.

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14. (C) MISCELLANEOUS:

Steinstucken Exclave: A routine patrol relief of the US Army 3-man patrol in the Steinstucken Exclave was conducted on 4 Dec 61 without incident.

15. (C) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

a. Construction of buildings in Installations 4163 and 4223 (Par 1b and 3b).

b. Vandalism and detainment of US vehicles in East Berlin (Par 4c).

c. New construction of walls and tetrahedrons at crossing points into East Berlin (Par 9a).

d. Belief on the part of some East Germans that attack on West Berlin is imminent (Par 7a).

e. Good possibility of SGP and MFS guarding crossing points (Par 2b).

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