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FURTHER TO MY CONVERSATION OF 1545Z HOURS, I HAVE AGAIN
TALKED TO WATSON, WHO CONFIRMS THAT THE STATUS OF THE THREE BUSSES
AND THE SEDAN ARE AS REPORTED TO YOU; THAT IS, THE EAST GERMAN POLICE
HAVE PERMITTED THEM TO MOVE INTO EAST BERLIN. NO FORCE WAS INVOLVED.

AS FOR THE WATER GUN INCIDENT AS REPORTED IN THE NEWS TICKER,
WATSON WAS INTERVIEWING ONE OF THE TWO SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN THIS
INCIDENT. APPARENTLY, SOME CIVILIAN PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE WEST BERLIN
SIDE WERE TAKING PICTURES AND AGGRAVATING THE EAST GERMAN POLICE
HANDLING THE WATER GUN; WHEREUPON THEY GAVE THEM A SPRAY, AND
THE TWO MILITARY PHOTOGRAPHERS ABSORBED PART OF THE SOAKING WITH
THE REST OF THEM. AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE
WATER WAS NOT DIRECTED AT THE SOLDIERS, AND THAT THE SOLDIERS' GETTING
WET WAS INCIDENTAL. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS MADE THE GESTURE OF REACHING
FOR HIS GRENADE, WHEREUPON THE WATER OPERATORS STOPPED SHOOTING ACROSS
THE BORDER. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND, AND THE
WATER-GUN SITUATION APPEARS QUIET.

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I GAVE WATSON THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: IF U.S. MILITARY

PERSONNEL OR VEHICLES ARE STOPPED AT THE GATE AND ABNORMAL DEMANDS

FOR IDENTIFICATION, ETC., ARE MADE, THEY ARE, IF POSSIBLE, TO

DISREGARD AND MOVE FORWARD, SHAKING OFF ANY RESTRAINT, IF THIS CAN

BE DONE WITHOUT ACTUALLY KNOCKING DOWN OPPOSITION OR PHYSICALLY OVER
RUNNING EAST GERMAN POLICE. IF THE EAST GERMANS SUCCESSFULLY IMPEDE THE

MOVEMENT, THOSE INVOLVED SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH WATSON AT ONCE,

WHEREUPON HE SHOULD DEMAND IN THE STRONGEST AND MOST FORCEFUL TERMS AN

IMMEDIATE SOVIET CONTACT. UPON MAKING THE CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS,

HE WILL PROTEST THE VIOLATION OF RIGHTS AND DEMAND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS

OR VEHICLES BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE THREE BUSSES AND SEDAN WHICH WILL BE RETURNING TO THIS GATE, I INSTRUCTED TO HAVE THEM GIVE ONLY NORMAL IDENTIFICATION AND TO MOVE IN THE WEST ZONE, IGNORING RESTRAINT, IF POSSIBLE. FROM TALKING TO WATSON, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE AND HIS PEOPLE ARE CALM, STRONG, AND HAVE THE SITUATION WELL UNDER CONTROL.

ONLY ONE THING IS CERTAIN: THAT THERE WILL BE MORE INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND WITHIN THE HOUR, WITHIN THE DAY, WITHIN THE WEEK. THE HARRASSING TYPE OF EXERCISE, SUCH AS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED TODAY, WILL SURELY HAVE TO BE PLAYED BY EAR, AND I BELIEVE THIS CAN BE DONE SATISFACTORILY. HOWEVER, WE WILL MOVE TO A DISTINCTLY HIGHER PLATEAU OF PROBLEM WHEN, AS MAY BE ANTICIPATED, THE GDR ACTUALLY CLOSES THE BORDER, AS OPPOSED TO JUST HINDERING, IMPEDING AND HARRASSING WESTERN MOVEMENTS INTO EAST BERLIN. IT IS AT THE COURT OF THE WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN OUR TOTALS.

THE ACTUAL TACTICS OF THIS MANEUVER SHOULD BE LEFT LARGELY TO THE COMMANDER ON THE SPOT. AS AN ILLUSTRATION, A TANK, BULLDOZER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE VEHICLE MIGHT BE USED TO KNOCK DOWN BARRICADES OR OBSTACLES AT THE FRIEDRICHSTRASSE GATE, BUT NOT PENETRATE ANY FURTHER INTO EAST GERMANY THAN WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIS LIMITED PURPOSE. WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE BARRICADES, JEEPS OR OTHER VEHICLES WOULD BE SENT THROUGH IMMEDIATELY. ARMS WOULD NOT BE USED EXCEPT AS CLEARLY NECESSARY FOR DEFENSE OR RESCUE PURPOSES.

WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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