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I realize fully problems involved in reconsidering instructions on Friedrichstrasse crossing and regret necessity for asking earliest possible decision. I do not believe closing likely to take place in near future but still it could take place tomorrow. This crossing is in our sector and the full public responsibility for whatever actions are taken will rest on our shoulders. I am even more convinced now that failure to act strongly and immediately would be most damaging and widely interpreted as appeasement. It could stimulate a heavy movement of West Berliners into West Germany. I am convinced that our minimum action must be to knock down a heavy barricade and place our tanks in position on the east Berlin side of the entrance and that this action should be taken with minimum delay to be effective. I urge that Berlin Commandant be given this authority soonest.

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