

5/20 Sub to Dueschke 800 am
6 am over time
17 am, Germany

Following received from Joint War Room at 0730 19 August.

Sitrep as of 191000Z -- from Capt. Howard, J 2 USCINCEUR

But

1. Up to 1000Z 19 Aug no reports received indicating strong East German or Soviet reaction to reinforcement of the West Berlin garrison or plans to interfere with the movement of US forces to West Berlin.
2. No essential change in the Berlin situation. Search of identification cards of occupants of allied official cars at sector borders still only change in controls which affect allied traffic within Berlin or on access routes.
3. Border security still being strengthened as evidenced by (a) cutting of S Bahn line between West Berlin and Zonal points and between West and East sectors.
(b) erecting of stone barricades and strong searchlights around West Berlin boundary sealing of houses with West Berlin entrances with reported plans to remove East Berliners occupants of such buildings.
4. Yesterdays press reports of evacuation of Soviet dependents was still without confirmation early this morning, 19 August.
5. HSAESUR reports of 100 refugees crossing vorder into West Germany State of Hesse between morning 15 August and afternoon 16 Aug suggests a sharp rise in the number of refugees coming directly across border into the Federal Republic. EUCOM considers as valid Amb. Dowlings caution in message to Gen. Clark that incidents may arise from increase in refugee flow across border

Following from J 3, Lt. Col Gertes

Nothing significant of operational nature to report at this time. Convoy departed home station at 190500Z and expect to arrive at Helmstadt shortly after daylight Sunday 20 August. ETA Berlin 201400Z

Bivouac
Near Helmstadt.