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G-2 DIVISION, BERLIN BRIGADE
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
Period Ending 28 2400 Dec 61
This is the last ISUM for 1961
(ISUM #4) (U)

1. (S) SOVIET FORCES: There is increasing evidence that at least an additional Motorized Rifle Regiment is located in Karlshorst. The 29 tanks previously reported as being in August Bebel Platz were believed to have come from Karlshorst. In addition to these, 20 more tanks have been spotted thus far in Installation 4161 (Karlshorst), making a possible total of 49 associated with this installation.

COMMENT: There are 31 tanks organic to a Motorized Rifle Regiment. The 13 tanks that are unaccounted for are probably under sheds in this installation. There is sufficient storage to handle this number and many more. An aerial photography flight will be conducted at earliest time weather conditions permit.

2. (S) EAST GERMAN ARMY FORCES: The 1st EGA Motorized Rifle Division continued to remain at home stations. The 1st and 2d Motorized Rifle Regiments of this division have not been out of their kasernes for more than a 3-day period since 13 August 1961.

3. (C) GARRISON SECURITY FORCES: The number of guards along the sector/sector and sector/zonal borders of Berlin has increased.

COMMENT: It appears to be a preventive measure during the holiday season to curtail refugees entering West Berlin.

4. (C) ACCESS SITUATION:

a. Railway: At 262230 Dec 61, in Helmstedt, markings and writing in the Russian language were discovered on the mail car of the US Berlin to Frankfurt duty train. The writing, derogatory to the United States, was translated as follows: "Hello from your friends in Russia, you money hungry people" and "Warriors and Fortune Seekers." Markings were removed after being translated by the train interpreter.

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b. Autobahn:

(1) During the period Soviet vehicular traffic increased on the Autobahn between Helmstedt and Berlin with approximately three hundred (300) vehicles of various types being observed traveling toward Berlin.

(2) There were no incidents during the reporting period.

c. Air Corridors: There were no attempts made to interfere with Allied military or commercial air traffic in the air corridors or within the 20-mile ring of Berlin.

d. East Berlin: Two (2) US Military vehicles traveling in East Berlin were tailed, one (1) for twenty-five (25) minutes and one (1) for five (5) minutes.

e. Canals: There were no changes in canal traffic procedures or attempts by East German authorities to interfere with canal traffic.

f. Telecommunications: No interference with normal operations occurred.

g. U-Bahns, S-Bahns: No significant changes.

5. (C) HOSTILE RECONNAISSANCE: Hostile reconnaissance patrols continue to maintain surveillance of installations in the American Sector of West Berlin. The average is approximately 5-7 Soviet vehicles per day.

6. (C) REFUGEES: An average of 22 refugees per day were processed at the Marienfelde Refugee Center. This is a slight decrease since the last reporting period.

7. (U) POPULATION ATTITUDES: There is growing evidence that Allied forces prestige is decreasing steadily in eyes of the East Germans, and every indication points to the improbability of an organized uprising in the immediate future.

8. (U) PROPAGANDA:

a. 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."

b. On Christmas Day the East and West declared an apparent truce on propaganda broadcasts.

9. (U) OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS: No significant changes were made during the reporting period.

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10. (U) NEW MATERIAL IDENTIFICATIONS:

No new material identifications were made during the reporting period.

11. (U) NEW UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS:

No new unit identifications were made during the reporting period.

12. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS:

During this period, there were continuous ground reconnaissance patrols dispatched to East Berlin; 49 staff tours were made in East Berlin; 8 helicopter flights were made over the sector/sector and sector/zonal borders; 14 ground reconnaissance patrols were made of sector/sector border, the American side; and 7 ground reconnaissance patrols were made along the sector/zonal border.

13. (U) SECURITY AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

a. During the past few months, there have been numerous cases wherein US military personnel stationed in Berlin have been corresponding with persons residing behind the Iron Curtain, although in most cases after investigation was completed, all correspondence appeared "innocent" in nature, there is the possibility that US personnel stationed in Berlin, and especially the personnel rotating to the zone for maneuvers are susceptible to becoming targets for SOVIET BLOC Intelligence Agencies. Commanders should emphasize during their Security Education Programs that corresponding with friends and relatives creates a situation which might result in their becoming such a target, and that all personnel should report immediately to military authorities any suspicions that such a situation has developed. Further complications arise when the person involved has a security clearance or holds a sensitive position in that a further investigation is necessary to determine whether or not the person involved has falsified his Personal History Statement.

b. Commanders and Security Officers within the command should refer to the UNCLASSIFIED paragraphs of AR 381-12, and to 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", in giving the security portions of their orientation briefings and/or during the course of their Security Education Program.

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c. It was noted during the recent IG inspections, that although training schedules reflected intelligence subjects being integrated into all training subjects, lesson plans in most cases did not indicate an item of interest being brought into the subject. This will be closely noted during the forthcoming USAREUR and Berlin Brigade IG inspections.

14. (S) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

- a. Buildup of forces in Karlshorst (Par 1 above).
- b. Deteriorating population attitude (Par 7 above).

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