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TO: DIRECTOR [Redacted]

FROM: BERLIN

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TO: DIR [Redacted] CITE: BRLN 1814

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SUBJ: CURRENT STATUS REPORT SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES EAST GERMANY.

SOURCE:

- FOR PERIOD 1 DEC 1958 TO 15 JAN 1959 NO INDICATION UNUSUAL NUMBER SOV MILITARY INTER (RU) OFFICERS OR DEPENDENTS DEPARTED KARLSHORST COMPOUND; TRAFFIC RELATIVELY LIGHT. MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS DEPARTURE 14 JAN MG BELOW PRESUMED IDEN WITH CHIEF OF AGENT OPERATIONS SECTION RU/GSFG. BELOW ALLEGEDLY GOING ON LEAVE, HOWEVER THIS COULD PORTEND WITHDRAWAL RU/GSFG ELEMENTS BERLIN KARLSHORST TO WUENS DORF OR ELSEWHERE IN ZONE. NO CURRENT INFO RE STATUS RU/GSFG INTEL POINTS IN EAST GERMANY.
- AT PRESENT NO INDICATION CUT-BACKS OR EXTENSIVE PHYSICAL TRANSFERS SOV MILITARY STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL FROM KARLSHORST. THRU DECEMBER 58 NO INFO RECEIVED INDICATE DE-REQUISITIONING BILLETS OCCUPIED BY IDENTIFIED STRAT INTEL OFFICERS. AS OF EARLY JAN 59 KEY STRAT INTEL SENIOR OFFICERS STILL OCCUPIES BILLETS KARLSHORST. HOWEVER, SOME STRAT INTEL PERSONNEL KARLSHORST BEING PLACED UNDER COVER OFFICE MILATT SOV EMB, REMAINDER EXPECT TO BE REASSIGNED HEADQUARTERS GSFG WUENS DORF FOR COVER.

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3. AFTER FLURRY SOVIET STATE SECURITY (KGB) DEPARTURES REPORTED LATE FALL 58 WHICH PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH WITHDRAWAL ADVISERS, SUBSEQUENT KGB DEPARTURES CURTAILED. BETWEEN MID-DEC 58 AND MID-JAN 59 RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER PERSONNEL REPORTED DEPARTED; ONLY SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE. NO CONFIRMATION THAT ADVISERS RETURNED BERLIN.

4. KGB HOUSING WITHIN KARLSHORST COMPOUND REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 16 UNITS IN LAST QUARTER 1958. THIS FIGURE COMPARES WITH FIGURE OF CIRCA 50 UNITS DROPPED THIRD QUARTER MANY OF WHICH PICKED UP ON PAPER IMMEDIATELY AS MILITARY OR SOVIET EMBASSY HOUSING. THIS INDICATES GRADUAL TRANSFER KGB HOUSING TO OTHER COVER BUT NOT SHARP REDUCTION KGB PERSONNEL. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PLANS FOR EVACUATION KGB HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT ST ANTONIUS HOSPITAL RECENTLY CONFIRMED BUT DATE NOT YET KNOWN.

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