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This 1977 Unit History is dedicated to all the United States Army and Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers who have served the United States Military Liaison Mission since its inception. Their selfless commitment, maturity, professional skills, courage and endurance constitute the bedrock upon which rests the impressive contribution of this organization throughout the years.

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(C) I regard as appropriate that this, the first USMLM Unit History to bear a dedication, should honor the Non-Commissioned Officers who served in this unit during its thirty-one year history. Their contributions, while recognized within the unit, often lack visibility at higher levels. They provide the indispensable base for successful accomplishment of the unit mission.

The importance of the collection mission was underlined for all of us during 1977, a year marked by the continuing upgrade in capability of GSFG and the East German Armed Forces. As collectors, we experienced many moments of satisfaction when we acquired information concerning assignment of new and significant military equipment to the GSFG and East German inventory; as members of the US military, our satisfaction was tempered by the sobering realization that each such observation represented an improvement in Warsaw Pact force posture vis-a-vis that of the Western powers. During 1977, efforts to improve USMLM's collection and reporting capability continued. New and sophisticated office equipment systems were evaluated as part of a general program to reduce administrative burdens associated with reporting and storing information. Tri-mission collection and contingency plans were developed and refined in an effort further to improve the coordination and integration of targeting against significant objectives.

The professional and social relationships with our British and French colleagues remained at their customary high level and continued as one of the most rewarding aspects of service at USMLM.

Our heartfelt gratitude is expressed to the local, theater and national agencies who so generously and capably supported the Mission during 1977.



DON O. STOVALL
Colonel, GS
Chief of Mission

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FOREWORD

The purpose of this document is to provide an annual review of the activities of the United States Military Liaison Mission to the Commander in Chief, Group of Soviet Forces in Germany. This review contributes to the Military History programs of the military services and is intended to assist in the understanding of current operations, problems, and trends and in the development of future doctrine, plans, and programs of the USMLM.

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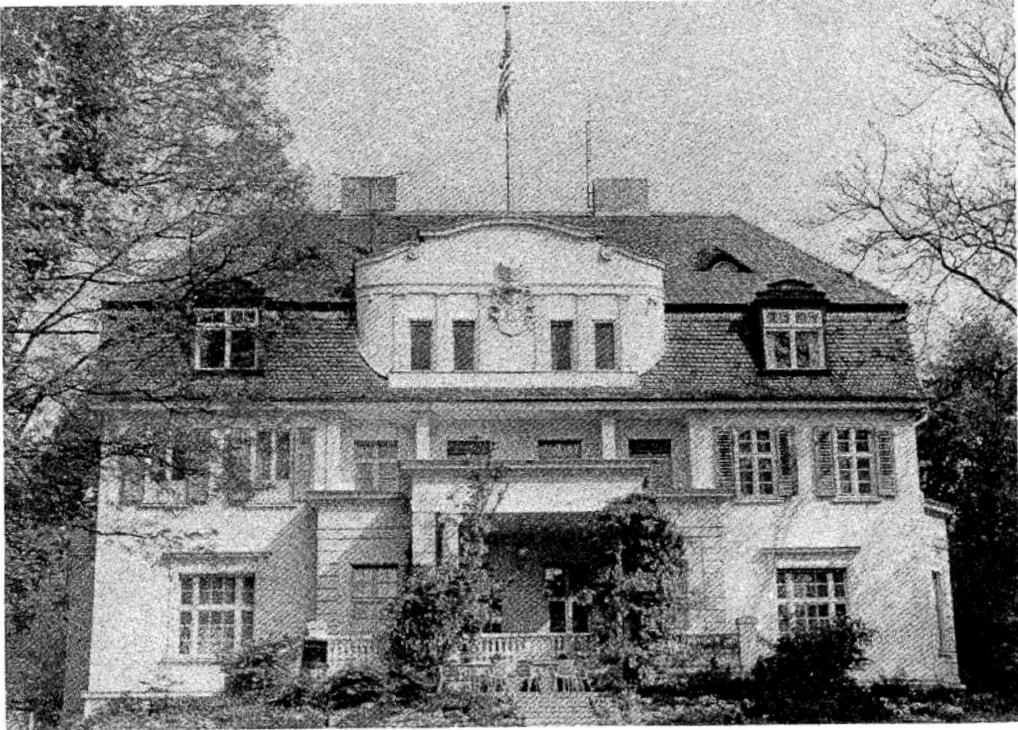
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UNIT HISTORY
1977

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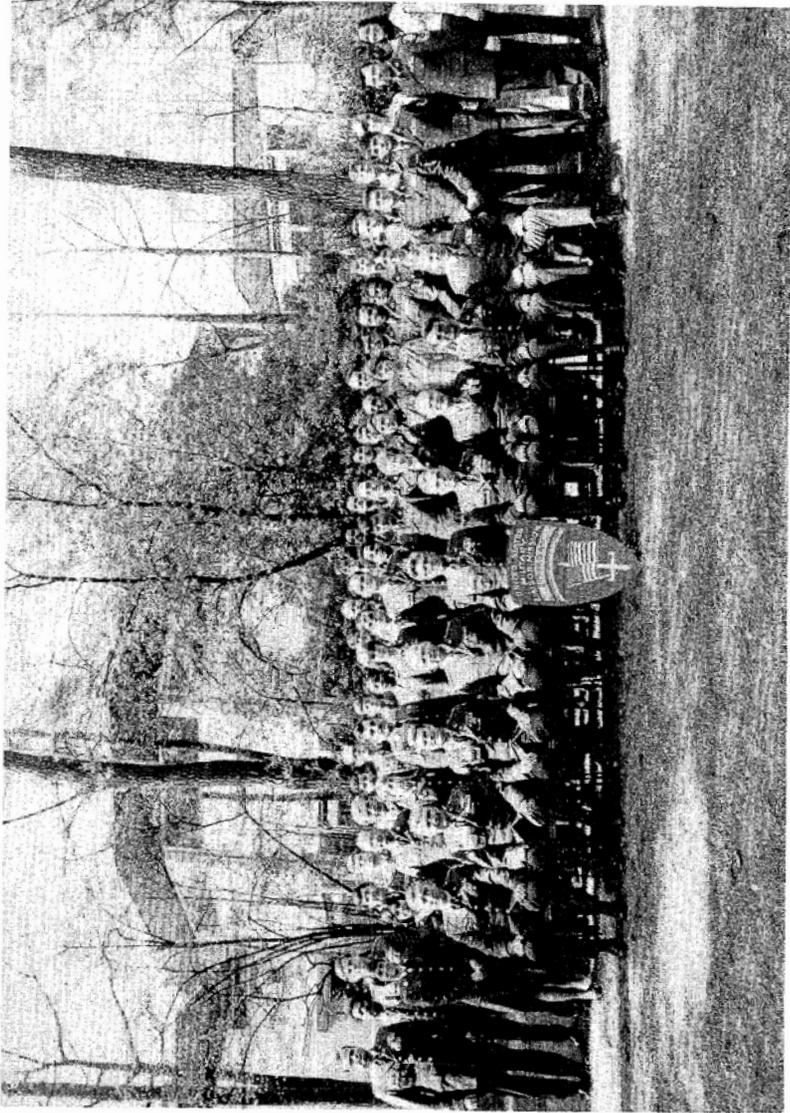


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PART I

GENERAL

A. (C) INTRODUCTION. While detailed information concerning the accomplishment of the unit's two primary missions is contained in succeeding pages of this history, a brief resume of actions taken in support of the two missions is regarded as appropriate:

1. Liaison and Representation: Thirty-one official meetings took place between the United States Military Liaison Mission (USMLM) and the Soviet External Relations Branch (SERB) during 1977. Nine of these meetings were concerned with arrangements for CERVINE TWIST, the visit by the Commander in Chief Group of Soviet Forces Germany (CINCGSFG) to the Commander in Chief US Army Europe (CINCUSAREUR) in Heidelberg. Subjects covered at other meetings ranged from delivery of protests to discussions of Soviet support furnished the Potsdam Mission House. As in the past, the Torgau Reception, the Independence Day celebration and the Thanksgiving Day dinner provided opportunities for senior officers from USAREUR and the US Air Force Europe (USAFE) to meet their GSFG counterparts.

2. Intelligence Information Collection: A slight increase over 1976 was recorded in the number of collection tours dispatched; total tour mileage increased markedly; Intelligence Information Report (IIR) production increased by approximately seven per cent. Efforts to improve coverage of objectives resulted in a marked increase in the number of photos per IIR, with significant impact on the workload of the Photo Lab; imagery production figures for 1977 are a new high for USMLM. Significant collection accomplishments are reported in appropriate portions of this history.

3. Personnel: From the personnel standpoint, 1977 can be described as a commander's nightmare: military and civilian personnel assigned to USMLM for at least a portion of 1977 totaled 98; of this number, 30 departed in 1977 and a like number arrived. Departees included the Chief of Mission (CUSMLM), one division chief, the Ground production officer, three liaison officers, the senior Army and USAF NCO's and a large number of experienced operational and administrative personnel. It should be noted that, as of 31 Dec 1977, USMLM authorized strength was 54 military of all ranks, one Department of the Army civilian and three local hire civilian spaces. During the year, the 2nd and 19th Military Intelligence Battalions (MI BN), both subordinate to the 66th MI Group, furnished TDY personnel for special collection projects; the Deputy Chief of Staff Intelligence US Commander Berlin (DCSI USCOB) provided one officer and one enlisted man in support of a joint project; HQ USCOB authorized the temporary hire of additional typing support; and the 497th Reconnaissance Technical Group (497 RTG), in addition to providing one TDY officer,

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furnished sorely needed administrative support. USMLM is deeply grateful to all agencies listed above.

4. Mission Support: Soviet support was, as in the past, at the bare minimum established by the Huebner-Malinin Agreement; HQ USCOB, Berlin Brigade and Templehof support remained at its customary high standard and was essential to the accomplishment of the unit mission. Eleven new vehicles were added to the USMIM operational fleet; twelve vehicles were turned in in exchange.

B. (U) REFERENCES.

1. TDA E1 W1AUAA E10175 HQ USAREUR, 16 Aug 77.
2. USEUCOM DIR 40-18, 22 Apr 77.
3. USAFE Reg 23-11, 8 Jul 74.
4. 7113 Sp Acty Sqdn Reg 23-5, 1 Mar 76.
5. USMC Table of Organization #5503, 17 Dec 76.

C. (C) ORGANIZATION. The Huebner-Malinin Agreement (Annex A), signed in April 1947, authorized the exchange of Military Liaison Missions between the Soviet and US Military Headquarters in Germany and laid down general guidelines for their activities and for the support to be rendered by the headquarters to which they were accredited. The agreement provided for 14 accredited personnel, with complete freedom to travel except in areas of military dispositions; the 14 accredited personnel "will include all necessary technical personnel, office clerks, personnel with special qualifications, and personnel required to operate radio stations." Because of Berlin's special status, USMIM is able to employ all 14 passes for operational and liaison purposes, with a support base in West Berlin. Details of pass utilization and of the tri-service organization are provided in succeeding sub-paragraphs:

1. Pass Utilization: The 14 accreditations provided for by the Huebner-Malinin Agreement are normally held as follows:

CUSMIM (Army)	1
Deputy Chief of Mission (DCUSMIM) (USAF)	1
Naval Representative (USMC)	1
GIC, Potsdam House (Army)	1
Liaison Officers	
Army	4
USAF	2

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Liaison NCO'S

Army	3
USAF	1

2. Army Element: The TDA in effect on 31 Dec 77 authorizes 11 Army officers and 26 enlisted personnel. As a result of a USAREUR manpower survey in Dec 77, USMLM submitted a request for a revised TDA, providing for a moderate increase in personnel strength and for some changes in rank structure.

3. Air Element: The Air element is composed of five USAF officers and ten enlisted personnel, organized as Detachment 16, 7113 Special Activities Squadron. Programmed increases for the Air element include: one intelligence officer for LARKSPUR (arrival date Oct 78); one EM for intelligence studies (Oct 79); one officer for intelligence studies (Oct 80); and one officer and one EM linguist (Oct 81).

4. Naval Element: In 1977, as in previous years, the US Naval element consisted of one Marine officer. In late 1977, HQ US Marine Corps approved a request for augmentation; one additional officer and one senior NCO are scheduled to arrive in mid-1978.

D. (C) MISSION.

1. The primary mission of USMLM is to carry out responsibilities for liaison between CINCUSAREUR, on behalf of US Commander in Chief Europe (USCINCEUR), and CINCSFG and to serve as a point of contact for other US departments and agencies with CINCSFG, in accordance with provisions of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement.

2. The secondary and confidential mission of USMLM is to exploit its liaison status and attendant potential for collection of intelligence information in the German Democratic Republic (GDR).

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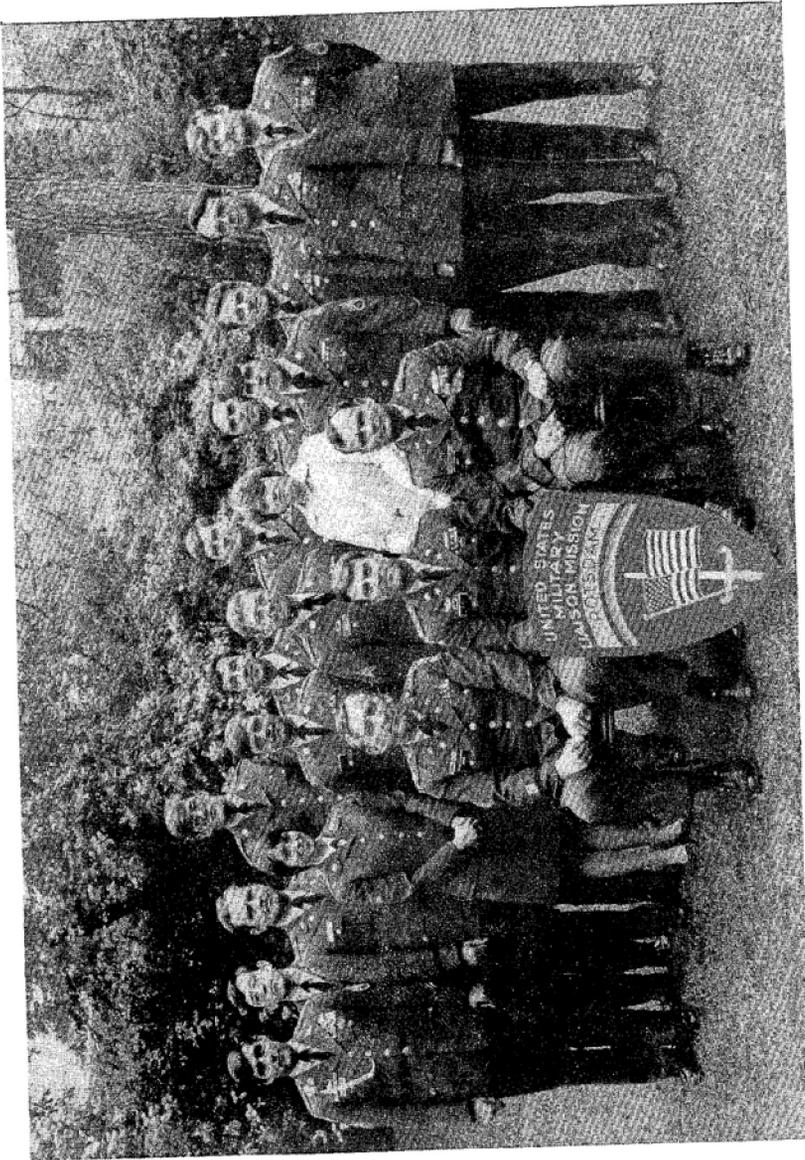
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COLLECTION

A. (C) GENERAL. USMLM collection divisions continued to monitor the modernization and re-equipping of GSFG, 16th Tactical Air Force (16 TAA) and the East German Army (EGA) and Air Force (EGAF) during 1977. In excess of 500 collection tours were dispatched and targeted against Soviet and East German installations and facilities of intelligence interest; the SANDDUNE program for exploitation of recovered documents continued; special projects targeted against such activities as troop rotation and Soviet harvest assistance enjoyed considerable success; and efforts to correlate information contained in articles appearing in the East German open press proved their worth. Collection accomplishments of interest are highlighted in sub-paragraphs B, C, and D below; USMLM's belief is emphasized, however, that its greatest value lies in its systematic monitoring and reporting of day to day activity of the Warsaw Pact Armed Forces. Air and ground observations are broken out in succeeding pages to provide a quick reference to type observations; however, the reader is reminded that USMLM operates as a single unit within this collection effort. Where Air, Ground or Joint division team tours operated together in a unified collection effort, it has been so stated.

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B. (C) GROUND COLLECTION ACTIVITIES.

1. General: The modernization of GSFG ground forces continued throughout 1977: six additional Soviet divisions were re-equipped with the T-64; expansion and modernization of divisional artillery continued at a rapid pace; GSFG divisions continued their conversion from AAA to surface to air missiles (introduction of the SA-8 into GSFG highlighted this development); and the proliferation of the SA-4 suggested the imminent phase-out of the SA-2 system. During 1977, several new wheeled vehicles were identified in the Soviet and East German inventory, to include:



The UTLV, a new medical evacuation vehicle;

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The KAMAZ series truck, whose introduction into GSFG motor transport and artillery units provided a greater load carrying capability;

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and the L-60, a probable replacement for the W-50.

The introduction of new vehicles into the Soviet and East German inventory significantly affects evaluations of logistic capability. In addition to monitoring introduction of new equipment into GSEF and the East German Ground Forces, the Ground collection effort was concerned with the continuing relocation of Soviet and East German units. As in the past, Project SANDDUNE (the exploitation of discarded documents) played an important role in both phases of the collection effort, providing valuable information not available through other sources.

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2. Significant Sightings:

a. 31 Jan 77: Recovery of an 'artillery record of fire' detailing tactical concepts of a Soviet motorized rifle division, to include divisional and regimental fronts, depths, number of objectives, phases of an apparent one day combat operation and distance units are expected to cover during that time period. Tour personnel: CPT Troyan/SSG Tiffany.

b. 04 Feb 77: Recovery of a GSFSG rifle squad leader's notebook, providing information concerning training, squad composition and rotation turnover for the Spring 1976 troop rotation period. Tour personnel: CPT Troyan/SSG Tiffany.



c. 21 Feb 77: Photography of a new gyro theodolite and associated van. Tour personnel: MAJ Goff/SSG Ellis.

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d. 14 Sep 77: A series of training posters concerning the nomenclature and operating parameters for the above referenced new theodolite and the platoon organization of the using unit were photographed near KARL-MARX STADT. Tour personnel: LTC Meehan/SSG Rice.



e. 22 Mar 77: Observation and photography of a train in the Potsdam local area transporting heavy equipment, assets of the U/I Soviet Air Force construction unit, providing evidence that the unit is garrisoned in the Potsdam local area. Tour personnel: MAJ Goff/SP5 Hoyt.

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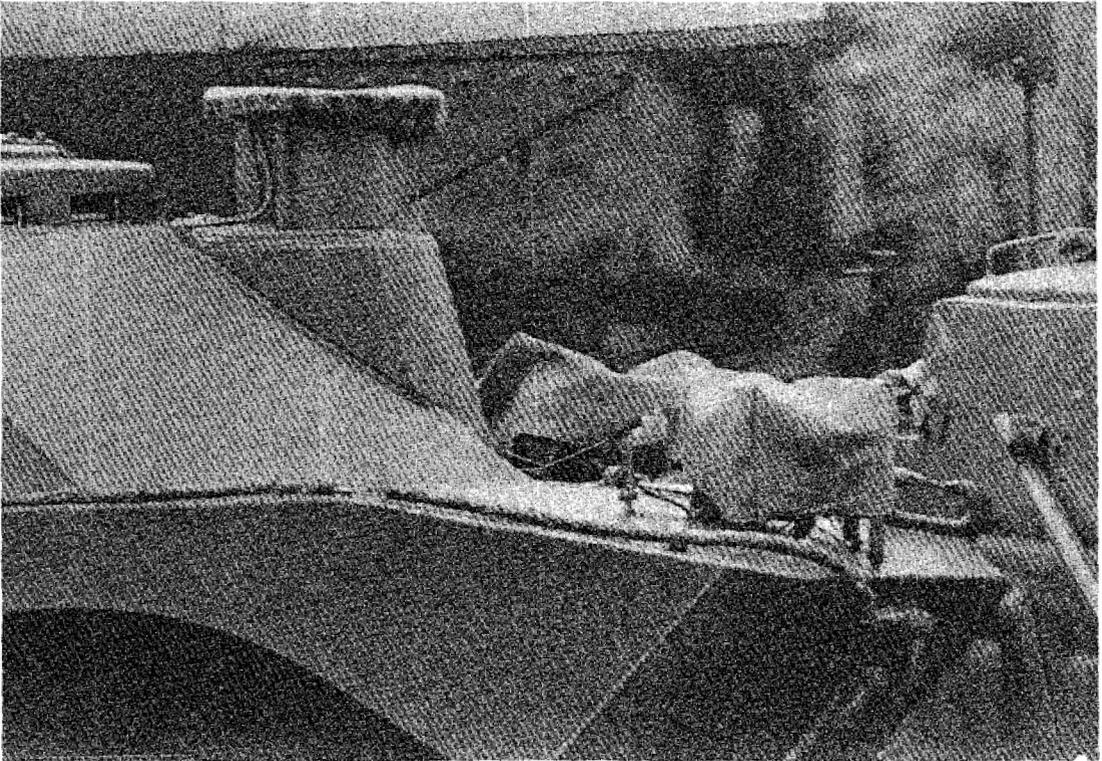


f. 01 Apr 77: Three USMIM tours observed movement of the U/I heavy transport BN/56th MI BDE proceeding from DOEBERITZ and Potsdam back to garrison in KUMMERSDCRF. This unit is very rarely observed 'en masse'; sightings of MAZ-537 and low boy trailers (photo above) in a support role for elements of the 34th GAD were of considerable interest. Tour personnel: MAJ Brosnahan/SSG Rice.

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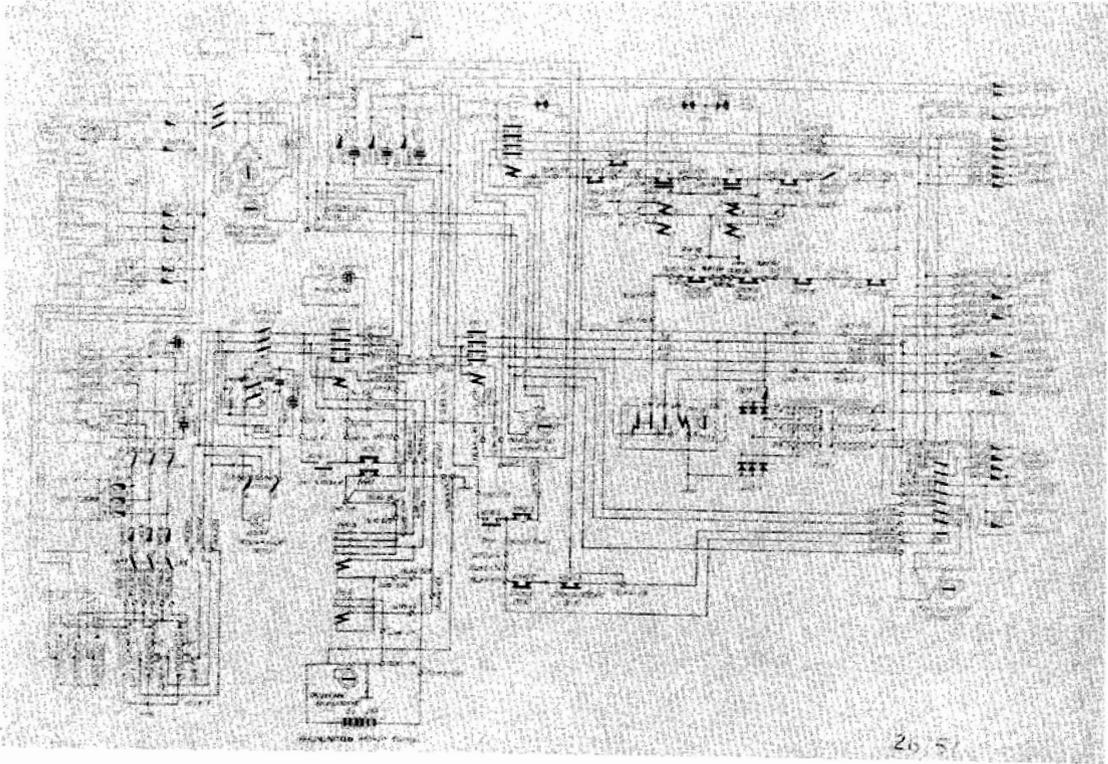


g. 03 Jun 77: Photography was obtained at BELITZ of 26 new BRDM-2 SAGGER. This was the first USMLM observation of SAGGER mounted on the BRDM-2 and provided evidence that the East German Armed Forces receive first line equipment and not merely retrograded Soviet equipment. Tour personnel: LTC Meehan/SSG Tiffany.

h. 07 Jun 77: A column from the Polish People's Army, probably returning from participation in a Warsaw Pact Exercise, was observed in the northern GDR. Tour personnel: LTC Meehan/SSG Tiffany.

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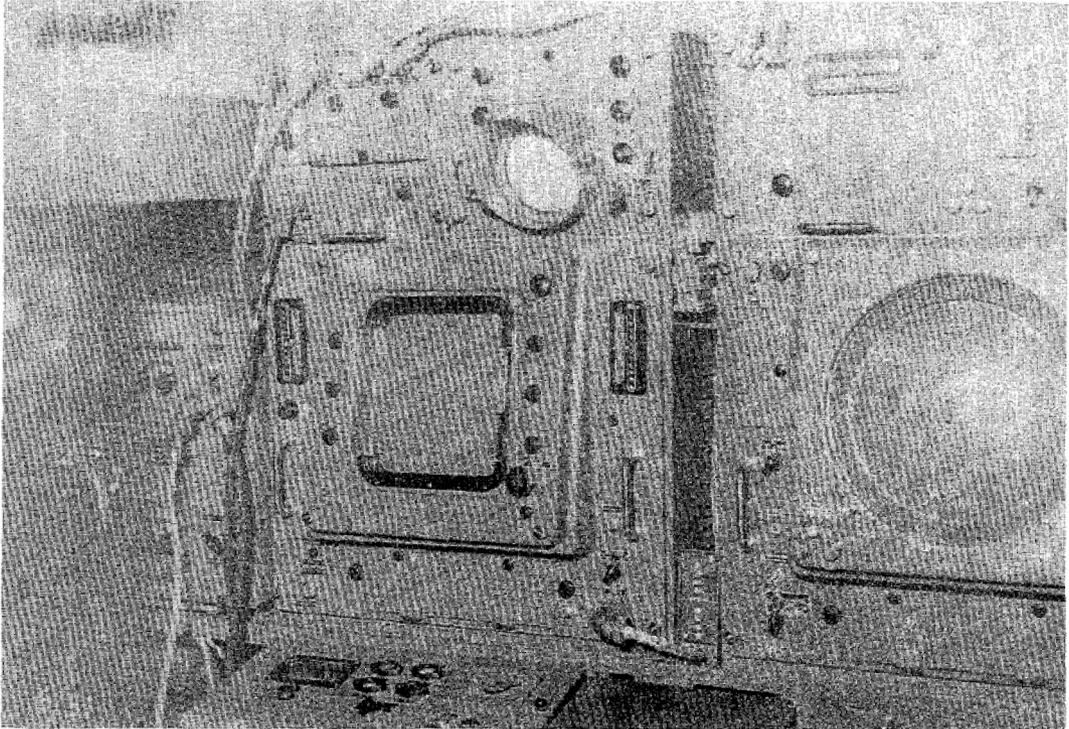
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i. 04 Sep 77: A secret Soviet technical manual on the SPOON REST was recovered near an installation fence in LEIPZIG. This highly technical manual, with 24 photos showing the vehicle, schematics (photo above) and interior views and containing information concerning system deployment, answered many requirements levied on USMLM for collection. Tour personnel: LTC Meehan/SSG Germaine. (Photo of the interior view of the vehicle is shown on the following page.)

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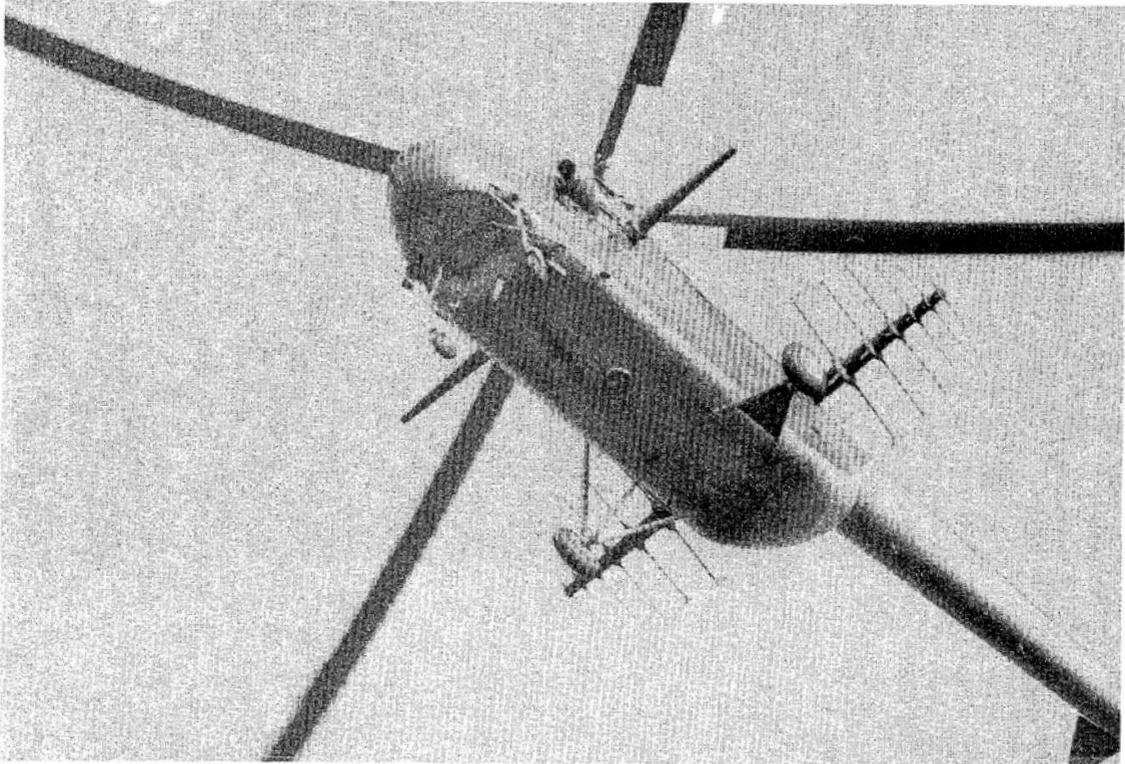
j. 07 Oct 77: As a result of monitoring the telecast of the East German Armed Forces parade in East Berlin and noting unit honorifics, USMLM was able to identify participants in the parade. In a coordinated effort, the three Allied missions dispatched eight tours to monitor routes used by returning units. As a result of this coverage, the relocation of the SCUD BDE/MD V was confirmed; FMLM observations of the MTLB in the 8th MRD confirmed introduction of this equipment into the EGA inventory.

k. 13 Oct 77: A USMLM tour observed two tarped T-64 in the GROSS AMMENSLEBEN RR siding. Acting on the assumption that the equipment was destined for the 46th GTD, the tour was subsequently able to confirm the presence of T-64 in that unit. Tour personnel: MAJ Isley/SSG Tiffany.

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1. 15 Oct 77: A follow-up tour in GROSS AMMENSLEBEN observed T-62 being shipped from the 47th GTD garrison. The tour followed the train to the ALTENGRABOW PRA before being forced to abandon its attempt to answer a question of major interest: What is the disposition of T-62 once a unit is re-equipped with T-64? Tour personnel: MAJ Hilton/SSG Ellis.



m. 03 Dec 77: Excellent close-up photography of the BIRDWING antenna system mounted on a HOUND was acquired near NEURUPPIN. This system had been observed only once before, in Dec 75, in distant Ground photography. The close-ups of the antenna were of great interest, providing answers to many questions concerning the system and provoking a number of new questions. Tour personnel: MAJ Kosevich/SSG Germaine.

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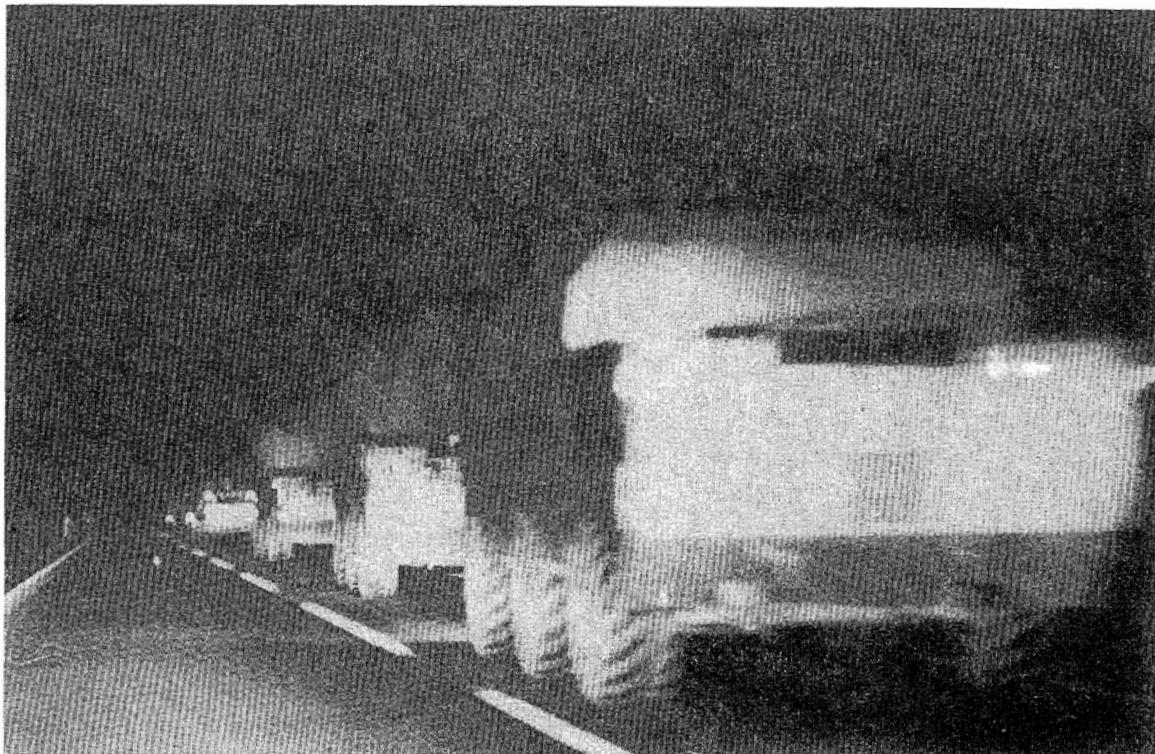


n. 19 Dec 77: MTLB with T-12's were observed in BAD SALZUNGEN Trg Area 401. This sighting not only confirmed the presence of MTLB in the 4th AT BN/4th MRD, but also confirmed the presence of the unit at BAD SALZUNGEN Installation 001. Tour personnel: MAJ Evans/SSG Germaine.

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o. 27 Dec 77: Good night photography was acquired of a Soviet column, to include seven SA-8 IEL, returning from the JUETERBOG PRA to DOEBERITZ. This was the first observation of the SAM unit returning from out of garrison training since its arrival in the 35th MRD. Tour personnel: LTC Steger/SSG Tiffany.

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3. Features:

a. Coverage of a Major GSFSG Field Training Exercise, April 1977.

The obvious imminence of hostilities significance of large GSFSG field training exercises requires that USMLM's collection effort be aggressively directed against such activity. Ground operations personnel, using indicators, past experience and progress of the GSFSG training cycle, attempt to predict the time and location of exercises; when these predictions are accurate, excellent results are often achieved. On such occasions, targeting personnel and tour officers and NCO's share the satisfaction that comes from being in the right place at the right time.

During the period 21-27 Apr 77, USMLM personnel were in the right place at the right time and obtained excellent coverage of a large tactical exercise which began in the LETZLINGER HEIDE PRA and moved southeastward into the JUETERBOG PRA.

One of the first indicators of an impending exercise was reported by Major Goff, Major Evans, and SSG Rice, who observed elements of the 10th GTD moving into the LETZLINGER HEIDE PRA on 21 April. Reacting to this sighting, USMLM dispatched additional tours to the area; these tours reported the arrival of other participating units. During the next several days, tours composed of Major Evans and SSG Rice and Major Goff and SSG Ellis reported the establishment of sequentially numbered technical assistance points stretching south from the LETZLINGER HEIDE through the ALTENGRABOW PRA and eastward into the JUETERBOG PRA, indicating the probable flow of exercise activity. On 25 April, Major Goff and SSG Ellis observed the initial flow of GSFSG HQ elements from the LETZLINGER HEIDE PRA south toward the ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG PRA's. Based on this information, tours were posted along anticipated routes of movement. Major Isley and SSG Mabardy experienced a particularly active evening when they discovered that their chosen observation point was also a bivouac site for major elements of a Soviet division.

The final phase of the collection effort involved confirmation of exercise termination and return of participating units to their garrisons. LTC Meehan and SSG Germaine observed major elements of the 47th GTD returning home, concluding the mission's effort against this exercise.

b. Troop Rotation. Twice each year, from April to May and from October to November, USMLM collection operations focus on GSFSG's semi-annual troop rotation. Tour personnel become very adept at distinguishing newly arrived and departing personnel. Each category has its own distinguishing characteristics: new soldiers are obvious by their closely trimmed hair, their puzzled reaction to their first

sighting of Allied Mission personnel and, above all, by the aura of confused innocence typical of all new soldiers. Departing soldiers, on the other hand, are easily recognizable by their long (by Soviet standards) hair, by their rank insignia, service stripes and rank, by their suitcases of East German manufacture and by the lighthearted, unconcerned manner in which they react to the presence of tour personnel.

c. GSFG Harvest Support to the USSR. For several months each year, GSFG units are tasked to provide cargo trucks and personnel to support harvest requirements inside the Soviet Union. Higher headquarters have long been interested in the impact of this tasking on combat efficiency and morale of affected units. In 1977, CPT Troyan and SSG Germaine recovered documents which provided a detailed accounting of a NEUSTRELITZ-based motor transport battalion's involvement in harvest activity. These documents provided unusually clear insight into the extent of this requirement and the apparent adverse impact on morale and discipline in the participating unit.

In the past, only older vehicles were assigned to assist in the harvest; they returned to the parent unit in very poor condition. As the updating of GSFG's cargo fleet continues, newer vintage trucks are being detailed to meet harvest needs. Trucks departing for the USSR are normally transported by rail in "piggy-back" fashion.



d. Training Posters as a Source of Information. Each year, USMLM acquires a wealth of detailed tactical, technical and organizational data from training posters. Virtually all Soviet training areas are studded with training charts, used in lieu of field and technical manuals to instruct the troops. The East Germans also make use of this technique, albeit to a lesser degree than do the Soviets.

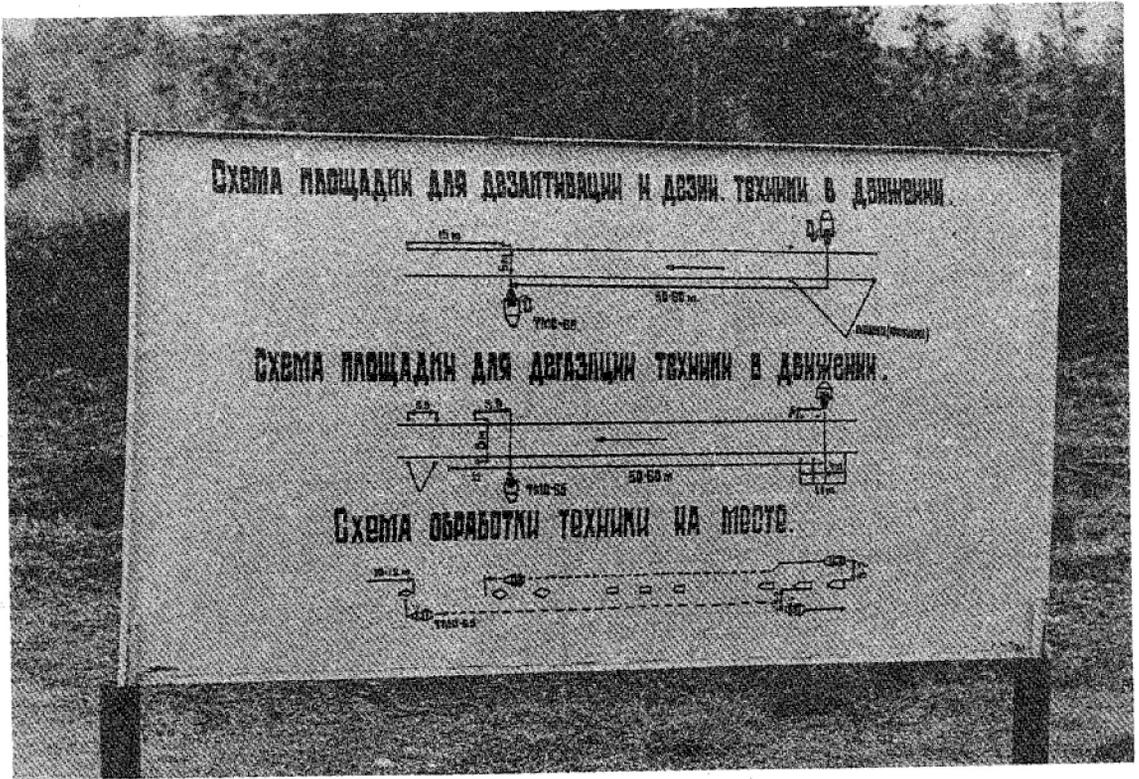
In 1977, hundreds of training posters were photographed, translated and reported. Several representative examples of the type of information obtained from these posters follow.

Действия при боевой машине БМ-21

Команда и действия командира БМ	1-й номер	2-й номер	3-й номер	4-й номер	5-й номер
Открывает крышку прибора управления огнем (или снимает крышку датчика). Соединяет штепсельные разъемы. Контролирует выполнение команды. При ведении огня из укрытия: вынимает выносную катушку из ЗИП, подключает вилку кабеля со штепсельным разъемом, разматывает кабель, уносит катушку с датчиком (или катушку) в укрытие. По готовности докладывает: "Такое-то готово."	Выполнение команды. Вынимает пульт ЗИП. Открывает крышку прибора в боевое положение. Снимает чеку с прицела. Вынимает пульт из ящика, вставляет ее в корзину для пультов и закрепляет. Переводит рычажок механического привода в боевое положение. По сигналу водителя о готовности к работе электропривода включает его, выводит пакет створов по горизонталю вправо на 45° и выводит пульт.	Команды. Отстегивает ремни. Чекя сзади. Помогает 3-му номеру вынуть чекю.	К БМО. Отстегивает ремни. Чекя вперед. Соединяет со 2-м номером штепсельные разъемы на приборе на 5 м и переводит переключатель номера.		Заводит мотор. Проверяет давление в шинах колес (3,2 атм) в резервах (6,0 атм). Включает генератор, выводит обороты до 2600-2800 об/мин. По тахометру (или до 48-56% "исао" оборотов вала генератора по шкале извещателя). Переключатель штепсельной системы в боевое положение, включает ручкой тормоз. Подает сигнал о готовности.

An IRR published in early 1977 contains photography of a series of 48 training posters which detail the maintenance, operation, tactical employment and technical characteristics of the BM-21. The photography was acquired by a tour in WITTENBERG in December 1976.

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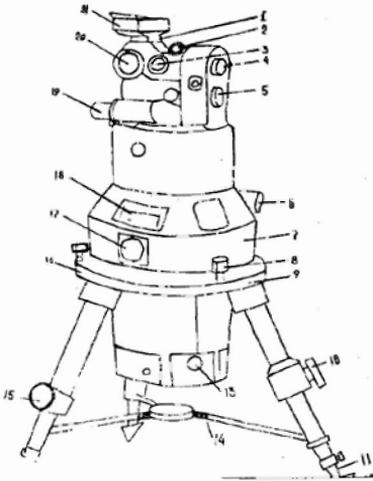
Another series of 52 posters in PARCHIM provided similar information on NBC equipment and techniques.

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визирная головка, укладочный ящик для гироскопа, аккумуляторная батарея ІЗ СММ-28, пульт управления, гиросзел, чехол штатива гироскопа, ящик с ЗИП, ящик для аккумулятора АК-8, аккумулятор АК-8, оптический вежа, чехол для оптической вежи со штативом, штатив.



Гироскопас ІГІІ на штативе:
1) стойка для ориентир-буссоли; 2-оптический визир; зрительная труба; 4-маховичок фокусирования зрительной трубы; 5-копачок подсветки; 6-наводящий винт визирной головки; 7-третер; 8-кнопки микровыключателя; 9-подвижное кольцо; 10-маховичок редуктора; 11-ножка; 12-вашимак; 13-отверстие для установки окулярной трубки оптического отвеса; 14-стожка; 17-штепсельный разъем; 15-зажимный винт ножки; 16-головка

On 14 Sep 77, in KARL-MARX STADT, a USMLM tour photographed a series of posters, unusual in that they supplied substantial information concerning several previously unknown items of Soviet equipment and the organization of the unit using the equipment. Data contained in these posters presented a fairly comprehensive picture of a CSFG Artillery Regiment's Topogeodetic platoon.

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e. The LEIPZIG Trade Fairs. The LEIPZIG Trade Fairs are held semi-annually, usually in March and September. Prior to the fairs, USMLM acquires trade fair catalogs and dispatches them to prospective intelligence consumers. The first of many planned conferences was held between USMLM and FSTC personnel prior to the 1977 Fall trade fair collection effort and proved of great value in developing targets and refining collection procedures. In addition to being a valuable technical intelligence source, the LEIPZIG Trade Fairs are very useful in gauging East German sociological and political attitudes.

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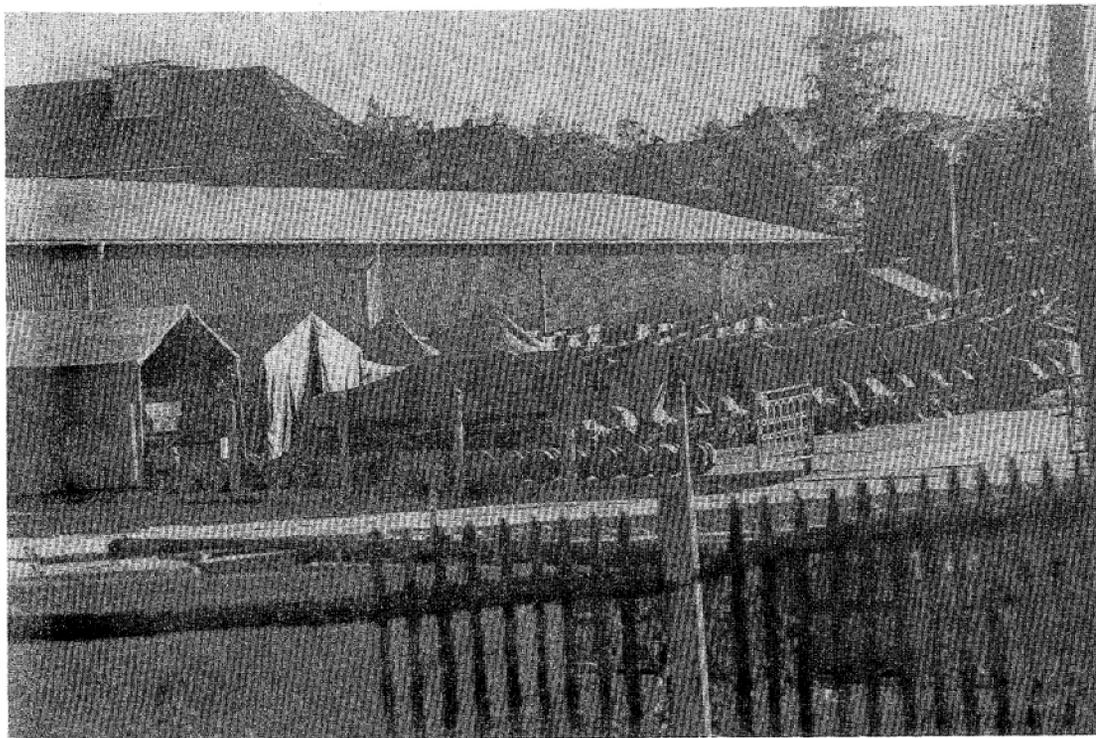


f. The East German Open Press as a Source of Information. During 1977, USMLM intensified its efforts to supplement information acquired by other means with data appearing in the East German open press.

For example, in August, USMLM received tasking to determine the origin of vehicles supplied to certain African countries. USMLM tours obtained coverage of these vehicles in storage and during rail shipment. However, it was through review of East Berlin area newspapers that the Mission was able to confirm the source and destination of this equipment. The East German press has also proved to be a valuable source of information on the organization and training of militia and civil defense elements. Pre-induction training activity is also widely reported. With the addition in 1976 of a German foreign area officer to its staff, USMLM has been able to exploit more fully this lucrative source of intelligence information.

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g. Routine Installation Coverage. In 1977, USMLM's Ground intelligence collection effort continued to focus on 'routine' coverage of Soviet and East German garrisons. This routine coverage resulted in initial and confirmatory reporting of a number of significant order of battle and TO&E changes. Examples of information acquired during routine installation coverage include: location by Major Evans and SSG Rice of possible underground sites in the vicinity of BLANKENBURG and by Major Isley and SSG Tiffany near HOHENMOELEN; confirmation of the relocation of the Recon Bn/16 GTD by LTC Steger and SSG Mabardy. Systematic and continuing coverage of installations provides the equipment counts and unit markings that form the basis for GSFG and EGA order of battle holdings.

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C. (C) AIR COLLECTION ACTIVITIES.

1. General: The year 1977 saw the continuing upgrade of Soviet and East German Air and Air Defense Forces through the addition of new equipment and by the improvement of dual role capability for third generation aircraft. The FISHBED H, assigned a reconnaissance mission, was observed, for example, at air to ground ranges carrying out ground attacks with bombs and rockets. Similarly, the FLOGGER B air to air fighter engaged in ground attack programs using guns, bombs and rockets. Noteworthy additions to the East German inventory included the HIP E helicopter, the TWIN DISH tropospheric relay system and the BACK TRAP/CDD PAIR EW/GCI system, the latter not seen in the GSGF/16 TAA inventory.

2. Significant Sightings:

a. 07 Feb 77: First sighting of FLOGGER C/D at MIROW Soviet Airfield. Tour personnel: LtCol Tonge/MSgt Pennock.



b. 09 Feb 77: Black and white and color photography of new Soviet NBC protective clothing. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/SMSgt Spitzenberger.

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c. 19 Feb 77: First technical quality photography of U/I stores on FITTER D. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/SMSGT Spitzenberger.

d. 27 Feb 77: First USMLM observation of SA-9 co-located with SA-6 at BENTWISCH SAM Deployment Site. Tour personnel: LtCol Tuite/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

e. 03-05 Mar 77: First observations of HIND D conducting night range activity and of HIND D range activity during adverse weather conditions. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

f. 07 Mar 77: Recovery of a practice bomb and wing tip fuel tank fragment from RETZOW Soviet Air to Ground Range. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

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g. 09 Mar 77: First ground level color photograph of the T-64 and technical quality photography of the T-64 suspension. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/SSG Germaine (GND).

h. 14 Mar 77: Coverage of East German helicopter deployments from BASEPOHL to BOSSOW. Tour officer: Major Boyette.

i. 18 Mar 77: First observation of FLOGGER B conducting cannon firing at BELGERN Soviet Air to Ground Range. Tour personnel: LtCol Tenge/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

j. 20 Apr 77: First ground level imagery of untarped T-64 main gun bore. Tour personnel : LtCol Tonge/SSG Germaine (GND).

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k. 03-08 May 77: First photography of East German HOPLITE armed with gun and rocket pods on a Soviet range. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/MSgt Pennock.

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l. 02-04 Jun 77: Technical quality photography of TWIN PLATE communications system and color photography of a TWIN PLATE deployment. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/SMSgt Spitzenberger.

m. 20-21 Jun 77: Observation of Soviet paradrop, probable practice vertical envelopment of airfield at DEMMIN-TUTOW. Tour personnel: LtCol Tonge/SSG Benavides (JOINT).

n. 22 Jun 77: Information obtained at an official liaison function indicating Polish manufacture of the T-72. Reporting officer: LtCol Tonge.

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o. 01 Jul 77: First color technical quality photography of the HIP E. Tour personnel: LtCol Tonge/SMSgt Spitzenberger.

p. 15 Jul 77: First FLOGGER B deployment to an auxiliary airfield. Coverage included formation takeoffs, missile loads and logistic activity. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/SSG Germaine (GND).

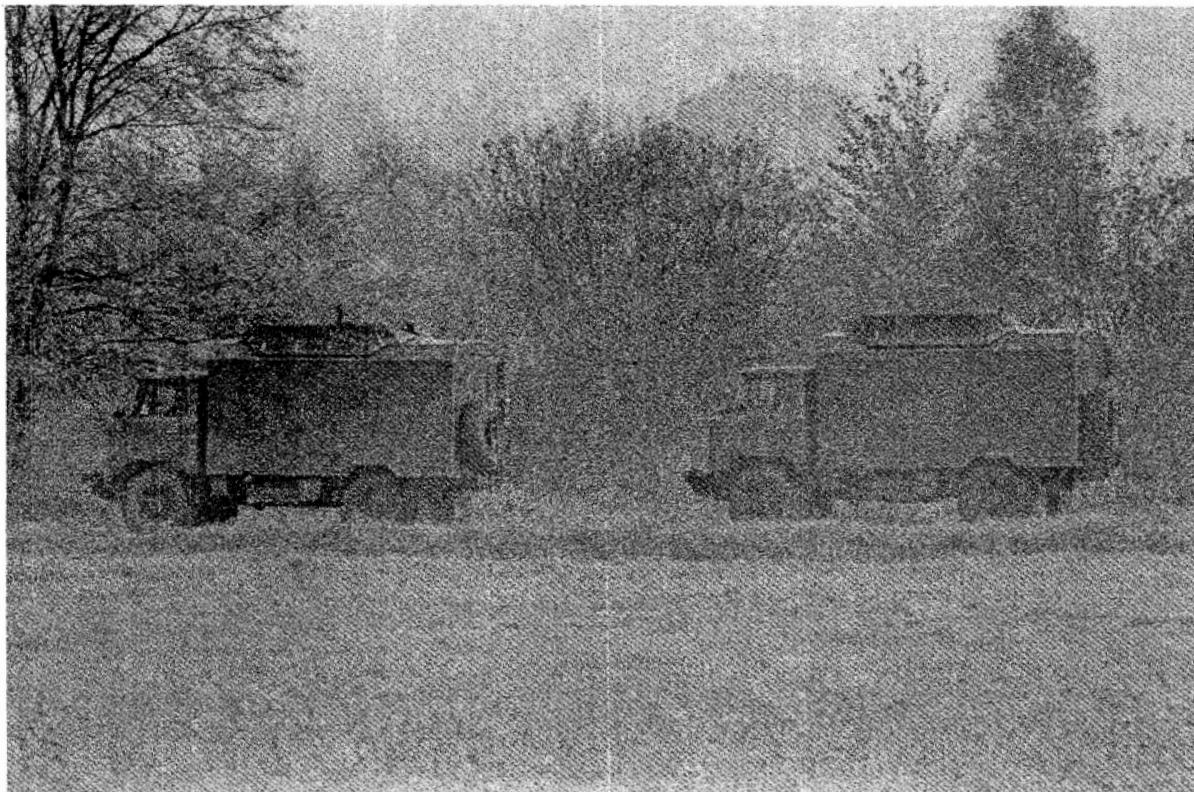
q. 19 Jul 77: First observations and photography of FLOGGER B ground attack activity with both cannon and rockets. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/MSgt Pennock.

r. 22 Jul 77: Reporting and high quality photography of a Soviet river crossing exercise. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/MSgt Pennock.

s. 28 Jul 77: First photographic evidence of AA-8 APHID missiles on FISHBED L aircraft at ALTES LAGER Soviet Airfield. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/MSgt Pennock.

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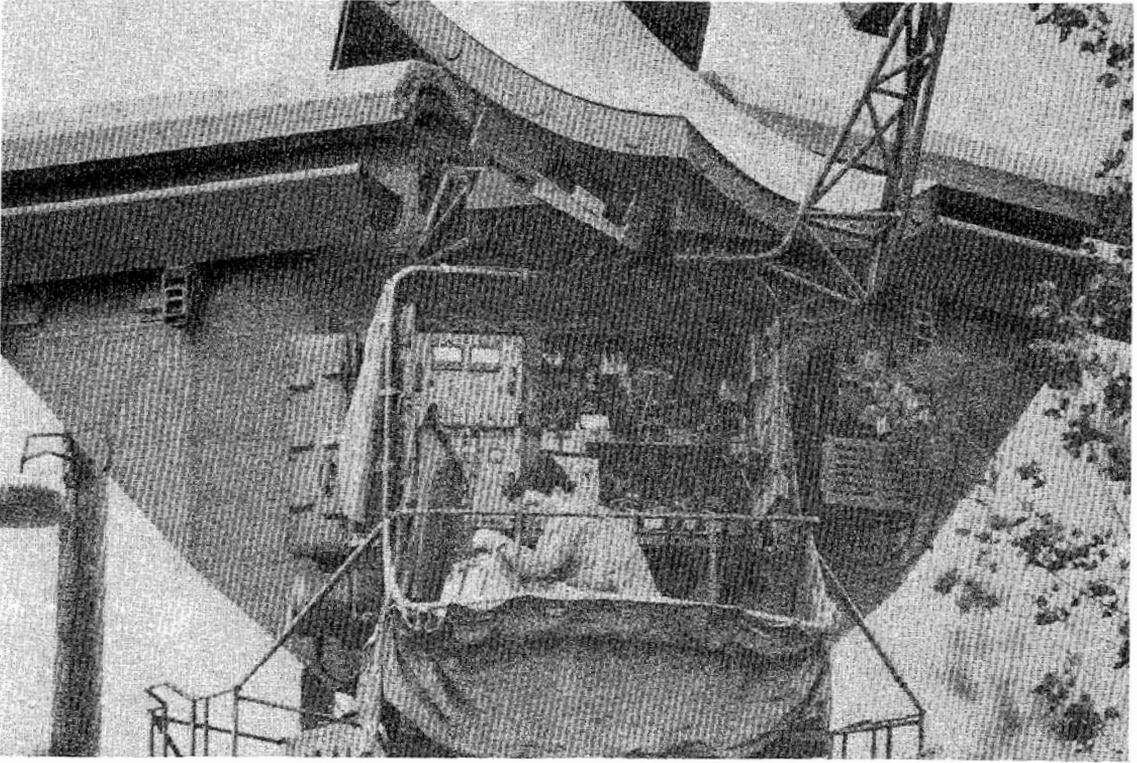
t. 30 Jul 77: First photography of GAZ-66 USAREUR Type 4090 box body vans. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/MSgt Pennock.

u. 06 Aug 77: Acquisition of a complete panel of East German camouflage material. Tour personnel: Major Boyette/MSgt Pennock.

v. 28 Aug 77: First observation and photography of a modified THIN SKIN B at PRAGSDORF East German Radar Site. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/SMSgt Spitzenberger.

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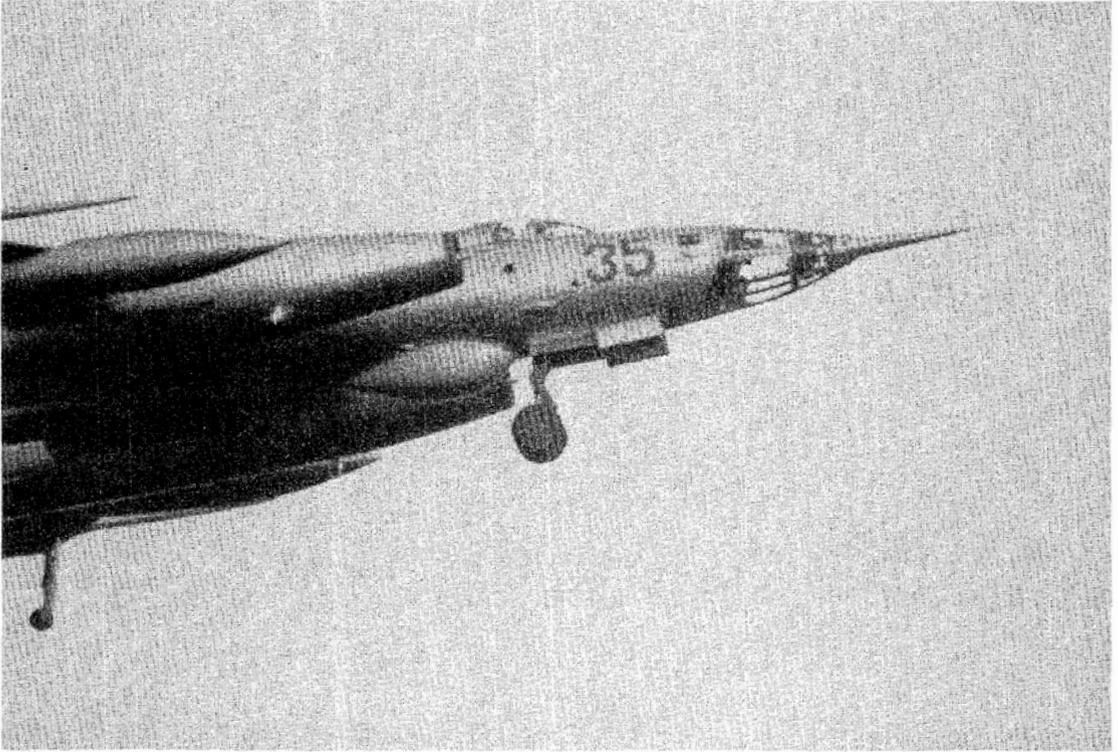


w. 30 Aug 77: First technical quality photography of a LOW BLOW with maintenance panels open; first observation of TWIN DISH in East German hands. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

x. 19 Sep 77: Confirmation of assignment of HIND D to BRANDIS Airfield with consequent mission change. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

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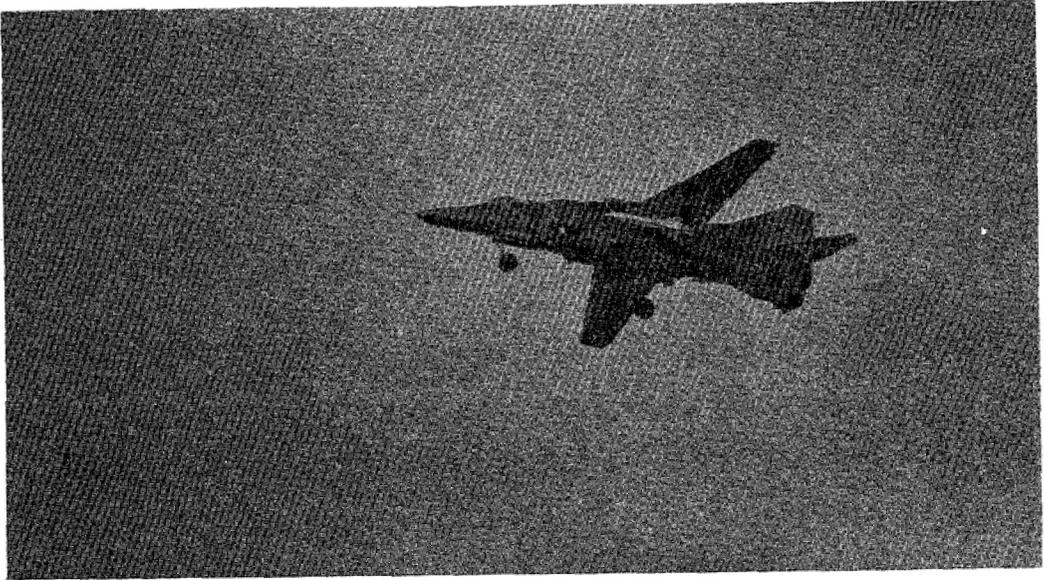


y. 27 Sep 77: Technical quality photography of the greenhouse portion of the WELZOW BREWER D/E aircraft. Tour personnel: LtCol Tuite/Major Boyette/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

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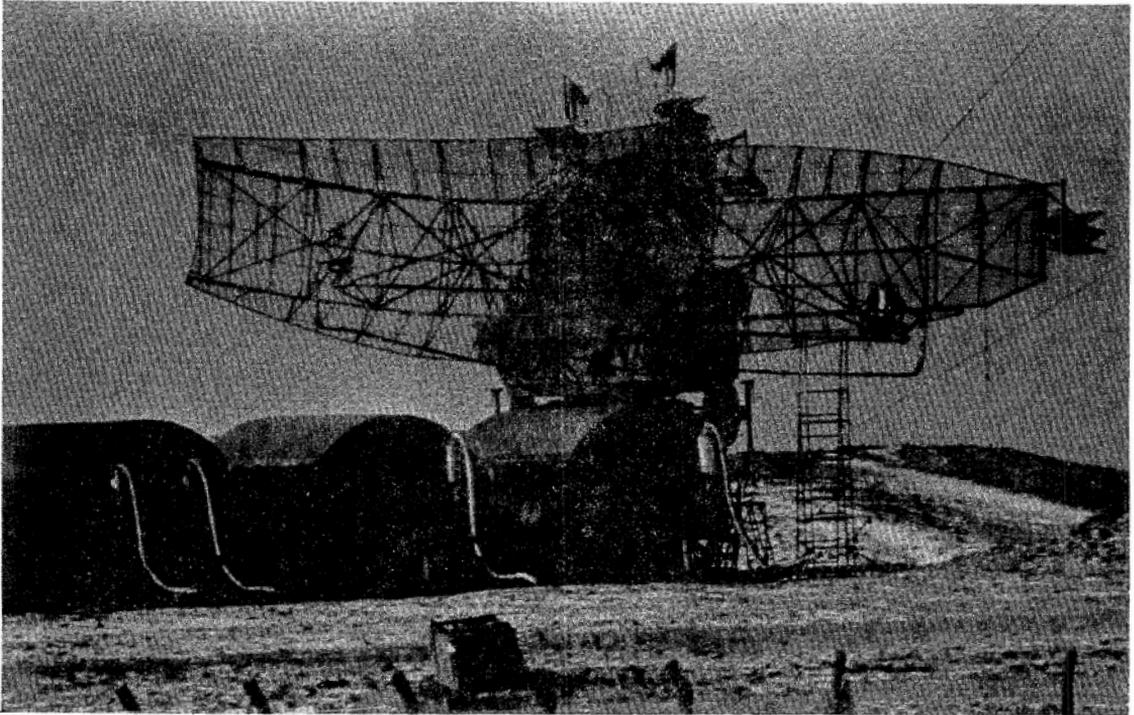
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z. 12-13 Oct 77: First observation and photographic coverage of MIROW FLOGGER D with new TASM. Tour personnel: LtCol Tuite/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

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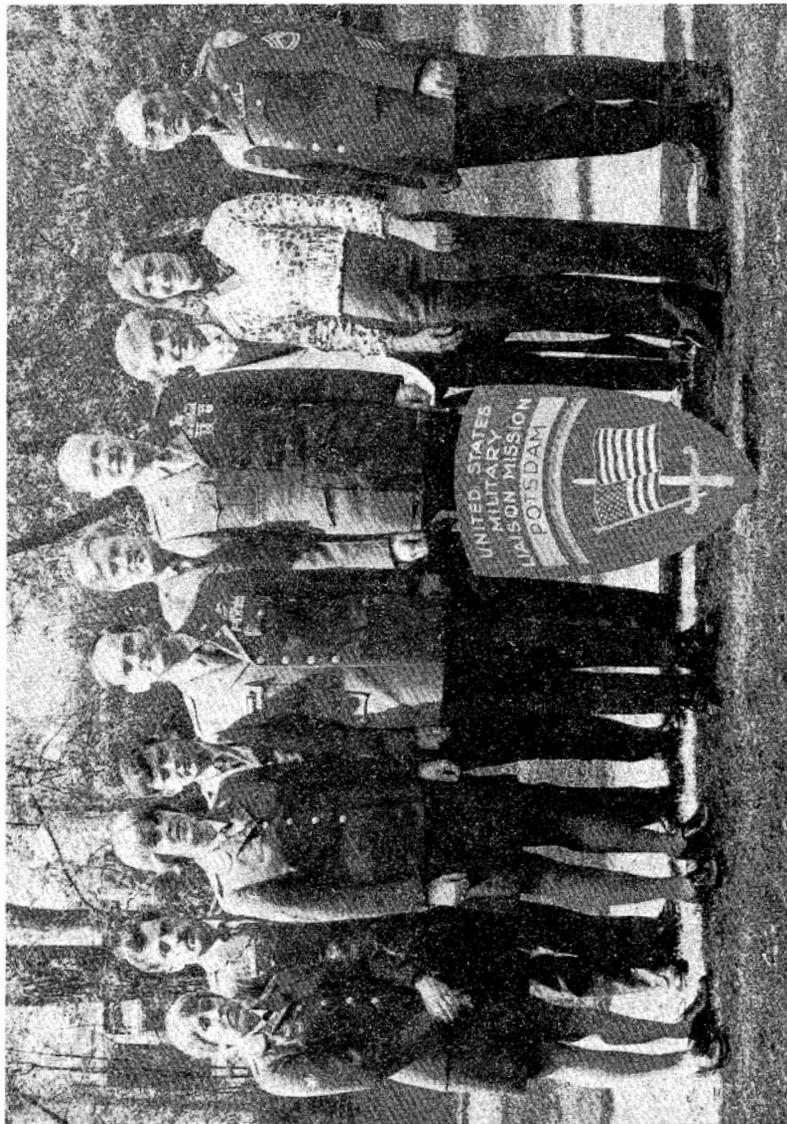


aa. 22 Dec 77: First observation and photography of BACK TRAP radar in East Germany; first identification of ODD PAIR in East German hands. Tour personnel: Major Stockreiser/SMSGt Spitzenberger.

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D. (C) LARKSPUR. The security classification attached to this project prohibits extensive discussion of USMLM's role. In 1977, USMLM's third year of close cooperation with ODCSI USCOB, the project again proved its value: the number of reports increased by 33 per cent, and consumer evaluations more than testified to the quality of the project.

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E. (C) TEMPORARY RESTRICTED AREAS (TRA'S).

1. (C) Imposition of a TRA by CINCGSFG effectively denies an area of the GDR to Allied missions, permitting GSFG elements to carry out activities in privacy. The TRA is, however, a two-edged sword. Its imposition results in the dispatch of additional tours to cover road nets and access routes on its periphery; tri-mission 'police calls' of bivouac and assembly areas have often acquired significant intelligence information.

2. (U) TRA's normally link two or more PRA's; as suggested above, they are normally imposed to screen maneuver activity. Other postulated reasons for their imposition include denial of an area through which new equipment is to pass, attempts to distract attention from other areas in which activity is taking place, retaliation for Allied TRA's and general nastiness. (USMLM personnel responsible for processing TRA's lean very strongly toward the latter view. Because of its IOB significance, imposition of a TRA must be reported immediately to higher headquarters; Soviet announcement of a TRA is normally delivered after 1700 hours on a normal duty day or on a weekend.)

3. (U) CINCGSFG announced eight TRA's during 1977 for a total of 58 days, a significant reduction from previous years. (In 1976, 16 TRA's were imposed; in 1975, 15; during the period 1967-1976, TRA's averaged 19 per year.)

4. (U) TRA's imposed during 1977 are listed below; photocopies of TRA maps are at paragraph 5 below:

TRA NR 001-77, effective dates 10 Feb - 15 Feb 77, with western boundary vicinity LUDWIGSLUST, eastern boundary vicinity PRENZLAU, northern boundary vicinity NEUBRANDENBURG, southern boundary vicinity KYRITZ and connecting the PARCHIM, WITTSTOCK, and border PRA's.

TRA NR 002-77, effective dates 15 Feb - 04 Mar 77, linked the ALTENGRABOW, DESSAU, LEHNIN, JUETERBOG, BRIESEN BRAND and border PRA's.

TRA NR 003-77, effective dates 02 Mar - 06 Mar 77, bounded generally by ROSTOCK, NISMAR, BOSSOW and TETEROW, linked the SCHWAAN, DEMEN, GUESTROW and northern border PRA's.

TRA NR 004-77, effective dates 03 Mar - 10 Mar 77, with general boundaries TORGAU, DRESDEN, BAUTZEN, FORST and CALAU, joined the JUETERBOG, FALKENBERG, BELGERN, GROSSENHAIN, FINSTERWALDE, WELZOW, KCENIGSBREUCK and border PRA's.

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TRA NR 005-77, effective dates 29 Mar - 04 Apr 77, with rough boundaries LUDWIGSLUST, ROEBEL and KYRITZ, joined the PARCHIM and WITTSTOCK PRA's.

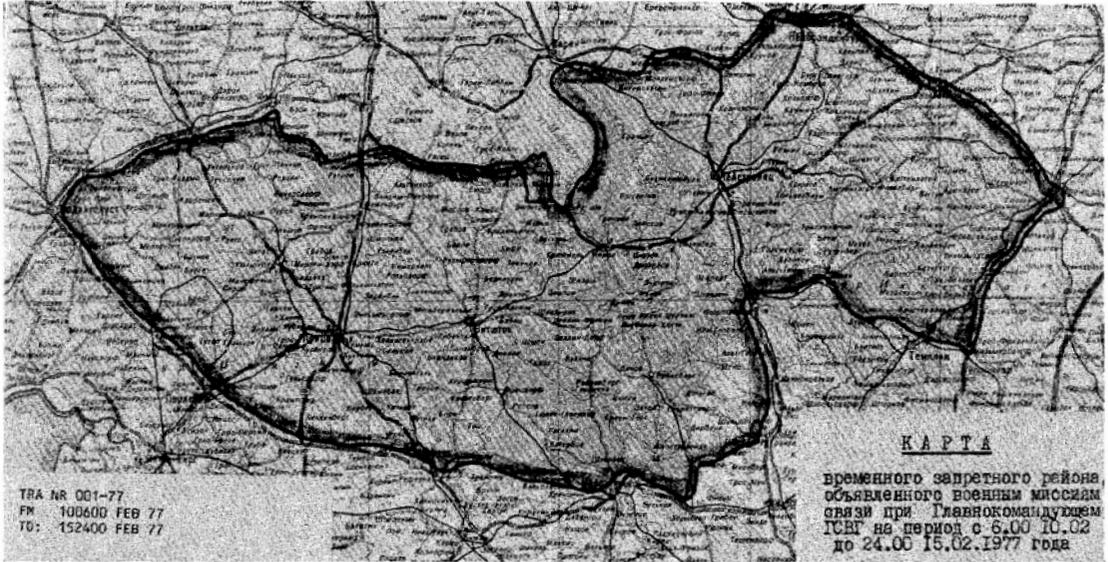
TRA NR 006-77, effective dates 01 Apr - 04 Apr 77, was bounded by NEUSTRELITZ, NEUBRANDENBURG, PRENZLAU, TEMPLIN and FUERSTENBERG and linked the BURG STARGARD, NEUBRANDENBURG and border PRA's.

TRA NR 007-77, effective dates 27 Jun - 01 Jul 77, consisted of two widely separated large areas. The first area connected the PARCHIM, RETZOW, WITTSTOCK and northeast border PRA's; the second, located south of BERLIN, linked the ALTENGRABOW, LEHNIN, JUETERBOG, BRIESEN BRAND and border PRA's.

TRA NR 008-77, effective dates 13 Sep - 17 Sep 77, was a large area south of BERLIN connecting the ORANIENBAUM, BAD DUEBEN, JUETERBOG, FALKENBERG, GROSSENHAIN, FINSTERWALDE, BRIESEN BRAND and border PRA's.

5. (U) Photocopies of maps showing boundaries and areas encompassed by TRA's imposed during 1977 are provided in subsequent pages. The maps constitute a permanent record of 1977 TRA's; in conjunction with maps contained in previous unit histories, they constitute the only permanent record of Soviet TRA's called by CINCOSFG throughout the years.

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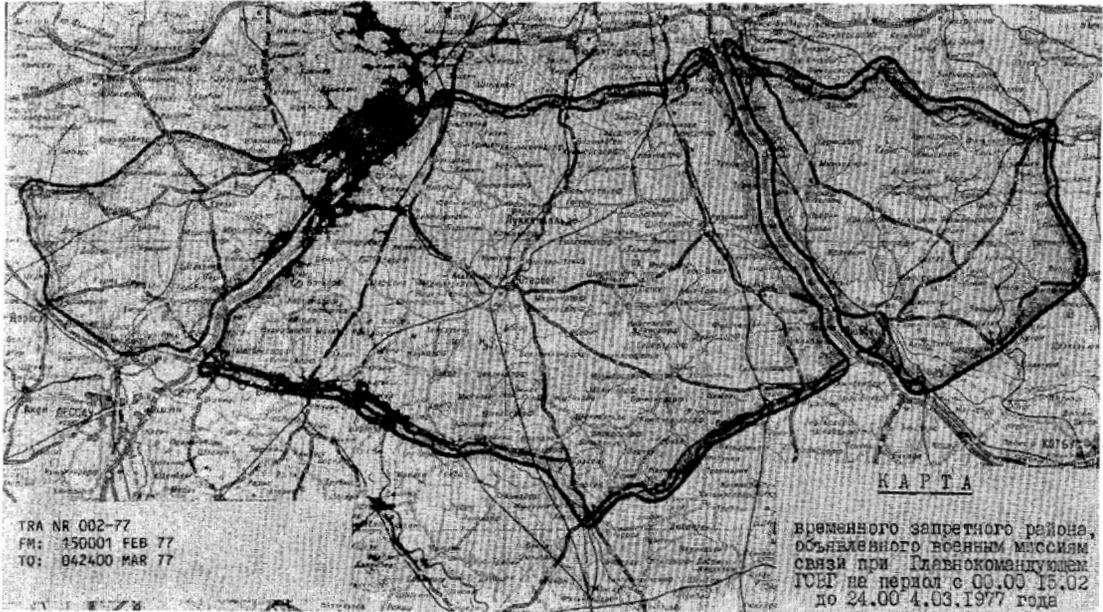


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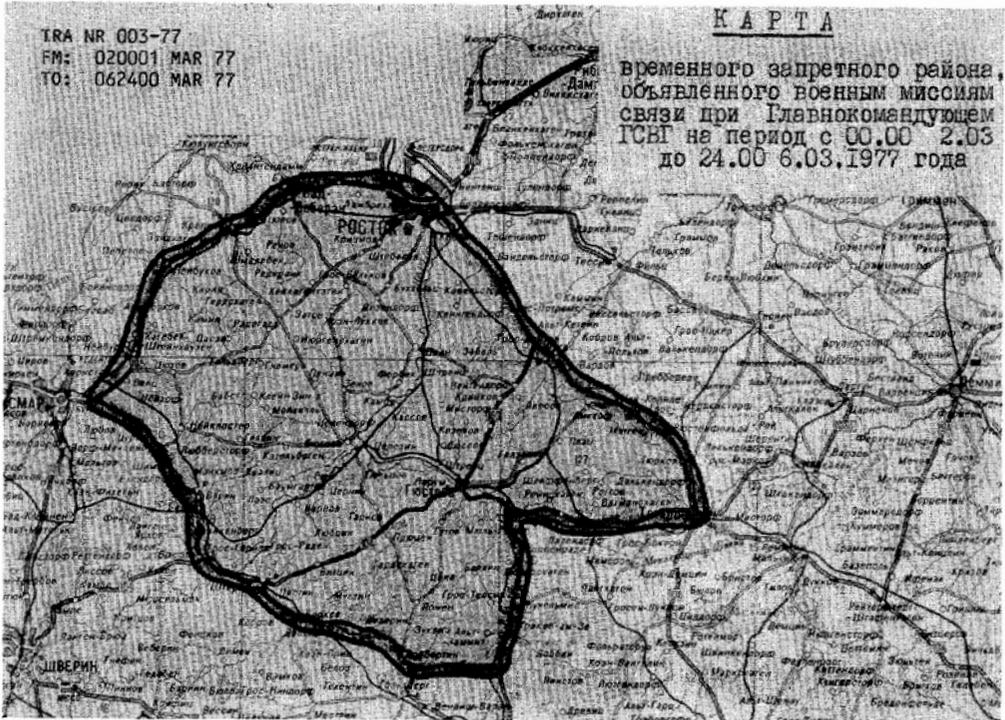


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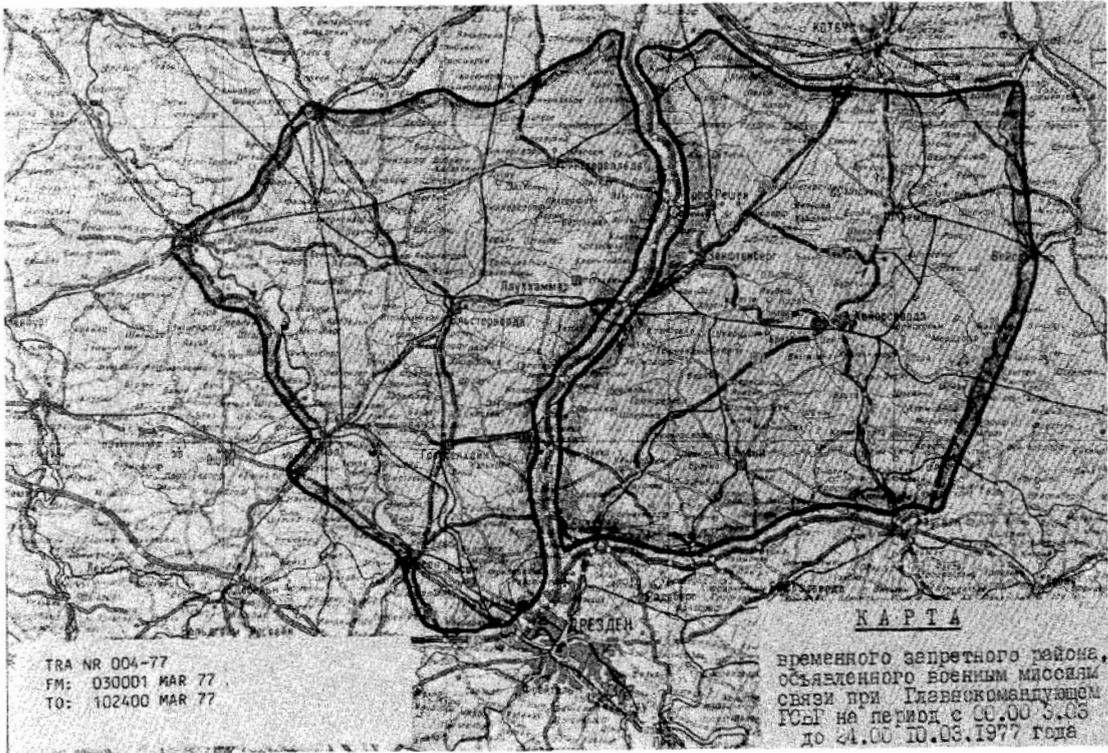


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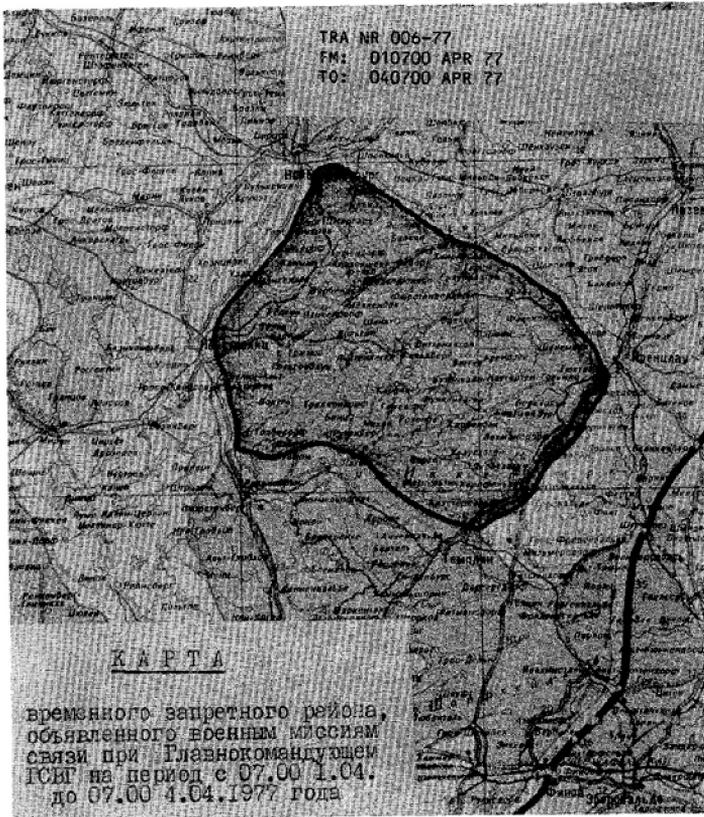


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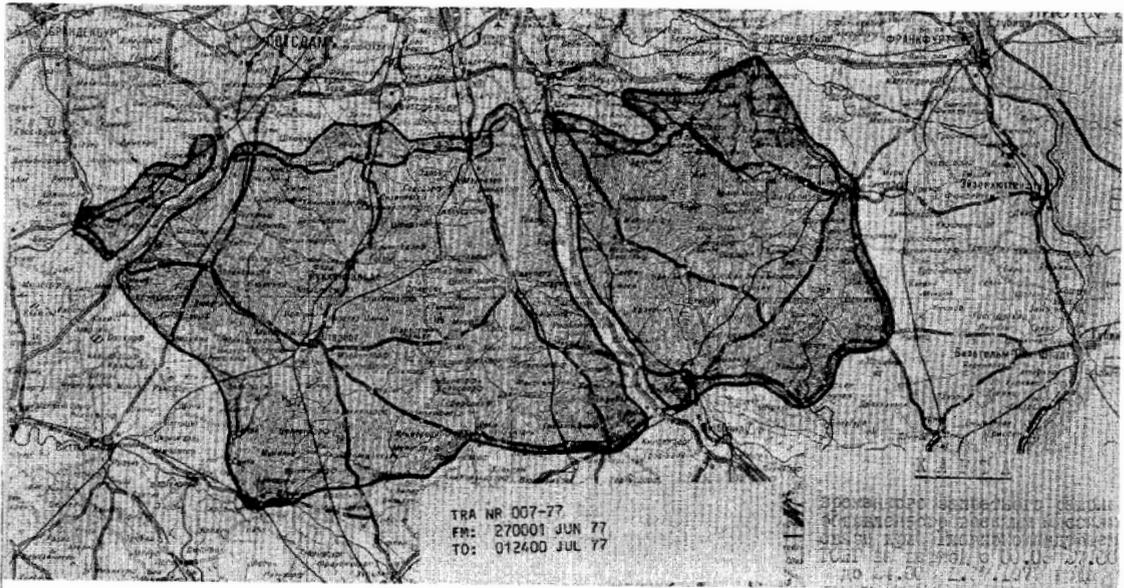
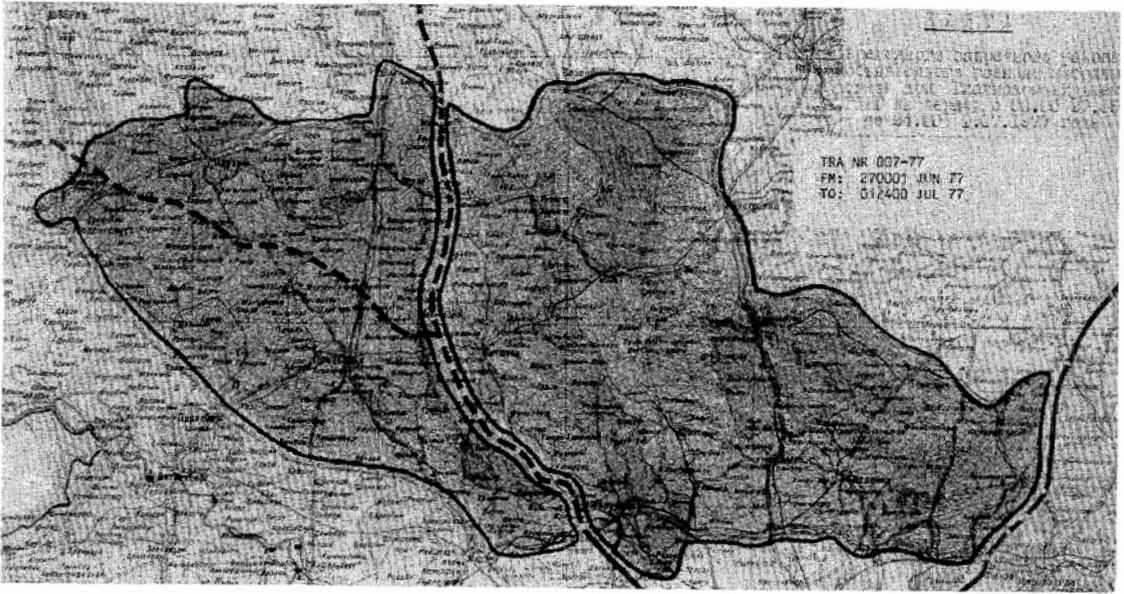


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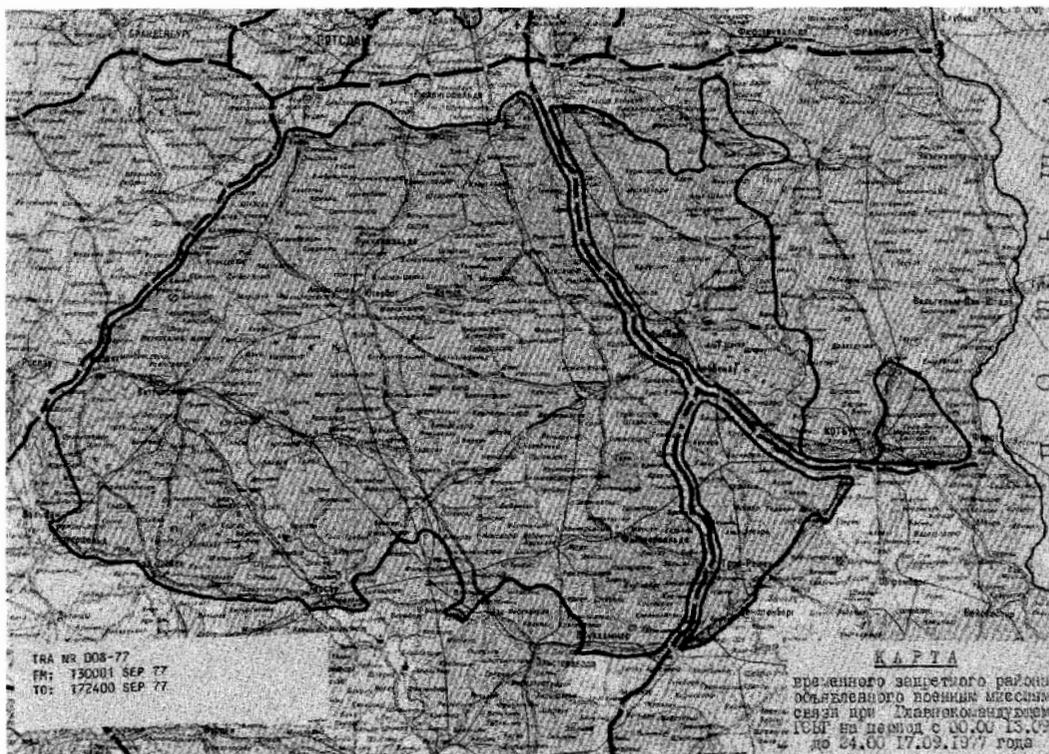


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F. (C) INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT (IIR) PRODUCTION.

USMLM recorded an overall increase of slightly more than 7.5 per cent in total number of IIR's produced in 1977 compared to 1976. 1977 production figures are shown below; figures for 1976 are in parentheses following each entry.

USMLM AIR DIVISION

USMLM Originated	150 (165)
Based on Allied Reports	171 (218)
Total	321 (383)

USMLM GROUND DIVISION

USMLM Originated	470 (334)
Based on Allied Reports	352 (355)
Total	822 (689)

USMLM JOINT DIVISION

LARKSPUR	147 (110)
Based on Allied Reports	110 (125)
Other	38 (30)
Total	295 (265)

SUMMARY

AIR (1 215)	338 (421)
GROUND (2 215)	953 (806)
LARKSPUR (2 217)	147 (110)
GRAND TOTAL	1438 (1137)

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G. (C) DETENTIONS AND INCIDENTS.

1. (C) General: Detentions are often an unpleasant, but unavoidable, corollary to the USMLM intelligence collection effort, which must concentrate on Soviet and EGA installations and deployments of military significance. These areas are highly sensitive; personnel are alert to the presence of tri-mission tours and quick to take action against them. Surveillance and detentions constitute the principal weapons against collection tours, immobilizing them and preventing mission accomplishment. Thirteen detentions were effected in 1977, by GSFG troops, by members of the East German Army and Navy, by Vopo's and, in one instance, by an East German 'good citizen'. A variety of locations were involved: near military installations, within training areas, on open roads, and, on two occasions, at places not associated with military activity and clearly unassociated with any attempt at intelligence collection. Two minor accidents involving USMLM tours and East German civilians occurred in 1977, a year in which tour vehicles were driven more than 400,000 miles in all extremes of weather, over routes ranging from superhighways to tactical trails and open fields.

2. (U) List of Detentions and Incidents:

HAVELBERG (UU6357), 171340Z Jan 77. An accident involving a USMLM tour car and an East German pedestrian took place in the downtown area. East German and Soviet authorities investigating the accident absolved tour personnel of all blame. Attitude of both East German and Soviet personnel was described as cordial and correct.

Vicinity GOLSSSEN (UT0459), 210740Z Jan 77. A USMLM tour was detained on Route 115 while passing a stationary Soviet column in the opposite lane. The tour was released at 1000Z hours after the tour officer declined the offer to sign a protocol accusing the tour of violating the Huebner-Malinin Agreement. Behavior of Soviet personnel was described as correct and friendly.

Vicinity HOHENBUCKO (UT9436), 221905Z Jan 77. A USMLM tour was detained approximately two km east of HOHENBUCKO. The detention was effected by two BRDM from an oncoming Soviet column. A protocol drawn up by the Soviets accused the tour of being in the vicinity of a tactical column and of continuing to observe the column after the detention. Considerable truth attached to both assertions; the tour officer, however, did not sign the protocol. The tour was released at 230340Z Jan 77. Soviet behavior was characterized as friendly and helpful. The tour vehicle was immobilized by an electrical system failure; after unsuccessful efforts by Soviet personnel to repair the damage, they towed the tour vehicle to a convenient point to await a USMLM recovery vehicle.

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REETZ (UT2077), 061455Z Mar 77. An East German vehicle sustained damage to the right front fender and turn signal when it struck a winch cable stretched across the road while a USMLM tour was in the process of extracting from a ditch. The East German driver ignored the tour officer's warning and attempts to stop him before reaching the cable. East German and Soviet personnel investigating the accident released the tour at 1830Z hours. Their attitude was described as friendly and relaxed.

MEISSEN (US9568), 041420Z Apr 77. A USMLM tour vehicle parked in the town square was blocked by two Vopo vehicles. An officer from the RIESA Kommandatura took tour personnel documents and escorted the tour to the Kommandatura. There he advised the tour officer that, according to the East Germans, parking on the town square was prohibited during weekdays. The tour officer replied to the effect that he had seen no sign with this information and pointed out that numerous East German civilian vehicles had also been parked on the town square; the Soviet officer apparently sympathized, indicating that the Vopo's were sometimes over-zealous. A protocol was prepared, the tour officer refused to sign, and the tour was released at 1630 hours.

WUSTERMARK (UU6124), 281720Z Apr 77. A USMLM tour was detained after photographing a troop train in the rail siding. The tour was escorted to the ELSTAL Kommandatura, where a Soviet LTC accused tour personnel of photographing military activity and demanded the exposed film. The tour officer denied the charge and insisted that no photography existed. A protocol was prepared, which the tour officer refused to sign. After repeated accusations and repeated denials, the tour was released at 2045Z hours. Initially, the atmosphere was cordial; subsequently, it deteriorated.

SANDAU (UU0056), 061545Z May 77. A detention of a USMLM tour was effected by Vopo's on Route 107, when the tour vehicle halted to allow a column of harvest vehicles to cross the road. The RATHENOW Kommandant released the tour at the scene at 1735Z hours.

SATZKORN (UU6316), 171720Z Jun 77. A USMLM tour enroute to POTSDAM after covering the SATZKORN RR siding was detained by Soviet troops who blocked the road. The tour was escorted to the DOEBERITZ Kommandatura, where a protocol, which the tour officer refused to sign, was prepared. The tour was released at 1950Z hours. Soviet behavior was described as correct.

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FAHRLAND (UU6515), 222125Z Jun 77. A group of Soviet soldiers experienced their finest hour in 1977, detaining the DCUSMLM, the Chief of Air Division and their wives as they were returning from a reception at the BRIXMIS Potsdam House. The USMLM members had stopped at a restaurant in FAHRLAND and were detained while returning to Potsdam. Charges were made to the effect that the 'tour' had been observing military activity in SATZKORN; whether the Soviets believed these charges themselves is problematical. The 'tour' was released at 2340Z hours.

MOCKREHNA (UT4809), 101940Z Jul 77. A USMLM tour was detained near MOCKREHNA Ammo Storage Facility 522 by East German civilian and military guards. A Soviet officer and a number of armed Soviet troops took over the detention from the East Germans. The tour was escorted to the WITTENBERG Kommandatura. A protocol was prepared accusing the tour of being within three meters of an EGA military installation and of being in a restricted area. After the standard refusal to sign the protocol, the tour was released at 110200Z Jul 77. The attitudes of Soviet personnel concerned varied from correct to rude; East Germans were described as initially belligerent, but subsequently more relaxed. One East German guard held the tour at gunpoint for 30 minutes.

PRENZLAU (VV2508), 021045Z Aug 77. A USMLM tour was detained in a wooded area in PRENZLAU Training Area 446. The tour was escorted to the PRENZLAU Kommandatura; a protocol was prepared; the tour officer declined to sign. The tour was released at 1235Z hours. Soviet behavior was described as correct and courteous.

ORANIENBAUM (UT2142), 191220Z Sep 77. A USMLM tour was detained on Route 107 while waiting in a line of civilian cars for a Soviet driver training column to clear the road. The DESSAU Kommandant prepared a protocol at the scene of the detention; after the tour officer's routine refusal to sign, the tour was allowed to proceed at 1540Z hours.

NEUSTRELITZ (UV7015), 091415Z Oct 77. A USMLM tour was detained by a Soviet officer while engaged in conversation with a group of Soviet soldiers near NEUSTRELITZ Installation 221. The tour officer was taken into Installation 221 to await the NEUSTRELITZ Kommandant. After the latter arrived, the tour was escorted to the Kommandatura, where a protocol was prepared. In a refreshing departure from normal procedure, the Kommandant did not ask the tour officer to sign the document. The tour was released at 1755Z. Soviet behavior was described as friendly and courteous; the Kommandant was apparently amused by the incident.

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KLEIN TREBOW (UV7208), 111120Z Oct 77. A USMLM tour observing the NEUSTRELITZ-FUERSTENBERG rail line was immobilized while taking evasive action after spotting a Soviet vehicle. The tour was detained by the NEUSTRELITZ Assistant Kommandant while attempting to clear the vehicle. The Soviets assisted the tour personnel and escorted the tour to the Kommandatura. A protocol was prepared, the tour officer declined to sign, and the tour was released at 1320Z hours. The Soviets were courteous and friendly throughout the detention.

BUROW (UV8660), 231110Z Nov 77. While departing the vicinity of BUROW Installation 501, a USMLM tour was blocked on a forest trail by an East German civilian. East German Naval personnel arrived shortly thereafter and completed the detention. Subsequently, the NEUSTRELITZ Kommandant arrived on the scene. As a result of an attempt to evade the detention, the tour vehicle had sustained a radiator puncture; the NEUSTRELITZ Kommandant furnished a tow to ALTENTREPTOW (UV8451), where the tour was able to call in a request for a USMLM recovery vehicle. The Kommandant left the tour in ALTENTREPTOW, returning after two hours with a protocol, which the tour officer declined to sign. The tour was released at 1715Z hours. Soviet behavior was described as friendly, courteous and helpful; the East Germans were cold and formal, but correct in their behavior.

MELCHENDORF (PB4546), 121330Z Dec 77. A USMLM tour exiting EGSTEDT Training Area 414 was blocked by an EGA Ural-375. While the tour was attempting evasive action, the tour vehicle skidded into a ditch, partially overturning, and was rendered inoperable. EGA reinforcements arrived on the scene and boxed in the tour vehicle. A Soviet officer from the WEIMAR Kommandatura took charge of the detention; when the tour officer refused to sign, the officer apologized for the inconvenience the tour had sustained (!). The Soviets towed the tour vehicle to ERFURT OST Autobahn exit and released the tour at 1615Z hours.

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PART III

LIAISON AND REPRESENTATION

A. (C) VISITORS. The list of distinguished visitors to USMLM for 1977 provides an indication of the continuing interest on the part of higher headquarters, theater and national intelligence agencies, and others. Benefits accruing from the operational briefings delivered include new insights by consumers and tasking agencies into USMLM capabilities and weaknesses and additional opportunities for integration of our collection operation with those of other intelligence agencies. Of equal importance is the opportunity to show agencies tasked with support of USMLM what is accomplished as a result of this support and to express our gratitude for their efforts on our behalf.

LIST OF VISITORS 1977

JANUARY

SRF Group
Mr. A. C. Ellis, SRF Contingency Planner, USEUCOM
MAJ T. E. Starnes, Joint Comm Facility
Mr. Ployansky, Deputy Chief, AMEMB Berlin
LTG D. E. Ott, CG VII Corps, and party
Dr. Jack Vorona, Dep Dir for S&T Intell, DIA
LTC J. Karp, Chief, Gen Ops Br, Coll Div, ODCSI USAREUR
LTC H. P. Peake, Cdr USAIIC, and party
USEUCOM Task Force, party of three
COL F. Turner, Former CJSMLM
BG(P) W. I. Rolya, Cdr Army Scty Agency
COL Norman Wells, Cdr 66 MI Gp
COL J. R. Mitchell, USAFE INC
USEUCOM Orientation Group headed by COL G. H. Link,
Cdr EUDAC
COL N. Neumann, Dir Intell Data Svcs FTD, and party

FEBRUARY

LT Murphy, JROC-B, and party
LTC Van de Pas, Mil Att Belgian Mission and Mil Att
Warsaw
USEUCCM Orientation Group headed by COL R. H. Lee,
Dep Dir J-6
CPT's Kaczmarczyk and McDaniels
VRN Conference: MAJ Beard, IDHS, ODCSI USAREUR;
MAJ Booth, BAOR; Mr. Martinez, CCFPA
AADCOM Group headed by LTC P. L. Lamphear, G2 32 AADCOM
COL J. Deven, Staff Mgmt Div USAFE, and party

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MARCH

MG Mauton, Belgian Army
COL N. D. Schenche, ADCSI USAREUR
COL C. E. Schmidt, Chief, Coll Div ODCSI USAREUR
COL P. A. Ulmen, Cdr USAFLDSTA Berlin
COL Flynn, Cdr USAFLDSTA Augsburg
COL Teul, 502d Gp
LTC Miller, USAFLDSTA Berlin
USAFSS Insp Tm headed by COL A. C. Weiner
BG T. I. Bishop, 437 Mil Airlift Wing, and party
LTC L. J. Kelley, USMC Co/2d Radio Bn/FMFLANT, and party
Berlin AVDET Group
COL J. C. Wilson, OACSI DA, and party
BG J. S. Welch, Cdr USA Materiel Mgmt Ctr/ADCSLOG for Materiel Readiness
COL R. Forrester, CofS (Designate) USCOB
Coll Guidance Conference headed by LTC C. G. Berk, ODCSI USAREUR
MAJ F. T. Moorman, USAFE/DOXC, and party
USEUCOM Orientation Group headed by COL A. H. Coleman, Syst & Pro Div, J-5

APRIL

COL Sutter, DCSOPS AFCS
CAPT (USN) Duncan, C/Warning Div J-2 USEUCOM
MG C. R. Sniffin, Dir of Opns & Readiness ODCSOPS/DA, and party
Mr. C. B. Feldbaum, IG for Def Intell, and party
MG E. F. Tighe, ACSI USAF
BG B. Adrisano, DCDR USAFSS
COL R. L. Bert, DCDR USAFSS-E
MG J. C. McDonough, USCOB
SGM H. Tazumi, ODCSI USAREUR
Mr. W. Nenno, Polit Off AMEMB Berlin, and party
Mr. C. Bartlett, Chicago Daily News Correspondent
COL Van de Pas, Belgian Mil Att
COL Dodds, ADCS Pers USAFE, and party

MAY

LTC Richardson, ODCSOPS USAREUR
National War College Field Study Group
MG G. W. Putnam, USASETAF, and party
GEN A. M. Haig, USCINCEUR, and party
USEUCOM Team headed by COL A. W. Hayes, C/Reg Assessment Br J-4/7
COL J. C. Rogers, CI Ofc ODCSI USAREUR, and party
COL J. K. Hyatt Jr, C/SIGINT Br HQ USMC

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JUNE LTCOL(P) A. W. Gray, USEUCOM Area Air Trf Svcs, and party
MG W. D. Druen, Cdr 17th AF
COL W. A. May Jr, DCdr, Opns, TCA
LTC Strimbu, AMEMB Moscow
COL Szymczyk, AMEMB Warsaw
BG T. P. Conlin, C/Syst Pln Off DIA, and party
Mr. P. Griffin, Pub Sfty Off USBER, and party
Mr. Arnst, SRF Berlin
Mr. Bender, SRF, Washington
RADM E. J. Carroll Jr, Dir J-3 USEUCOM, and party

JULY MG W. H. Ginn Jr, HQ USAFE
BG E. A. Dinges, DCdr 3 Armd Div
COL A. Dewey, CERVINE TWIST Proj Off
MAJ H. M. Baker Jr, 10th SF Gp, and party
Ms. J. Wine-Vollner, Army Gen Counsel DA
LTC P. H. Sullivan, XO Army Gen Counsel
Mr. E. I. Freyfogle, Asst to AGC
COL Szymczyk, AMEMB Warsaw
LTC T. V. McNeese, DIA, and party
LTC Birkholz, FTD, and party
COL G. Vernon, Mil Att Moscow
IG Team headed by LTC F. Trzos
Mr. J. R. Quetsch, Prin Dep Asst to Sec Def (Compt),
and party
USEUCOM Team headed by COL M. L. Landers, Dep Div, J-1

AUGUST COL(P) D. Brown, Cdr FSB, and party
COL E. H. Fountain, CI Chief ODCSI USAREUR, and party
BG W. R. Usher, ADCSOPSI USAFE, and party
AMEMB Berlin Group
LTC C. L. Jernigan, G-1 USCOB
LTC W. J. Sherrill, G-4 USCOB, and party
LTC R. Lajoie, USARI, and party
LTC F. V. Manzo, C/SOV&E Eur Br OACSI DA, and party
COL D. J. Cade, Cdr 6931 Scty Gp, and party
MG P. F. Gorman, Cdr 8 Inf Div, and party
CW3 Sirkin, ODCSI USAREUR
COL B. Loeffke, ARMA (Designate) Moscow
LTC J. E. Naftizinger, ODCSI USAREUR
BG K. D. Burns, Cdr USAFSS, and party
LTC R. A. Mangum, STITEUR, and party

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SEPTEMBER

COL D. E. Vandenburg, Cdr 497 RTG
LTC J. R. Wallace, C/IMDSO, and party
Mr. G. Grande, DOD Spec Rep NSA, and party
MG J. C. McDonough, USCOB
ADM S. Turner, Dir CIA, and party
COL Robadey, Swiss Mil Att to Poland, Czech and GDR
COL R. E. Gillispie, Dir FI OACSI DA
BG J. R. Ulatoski, DCSI FORSCOM
BG J. E. Freeze, Cdr USAINTA, and party
COL W. H. Scott III, Dep Dir Scty Assst J-4/7, and party
Mr. W. McAfee, Dep Div for Coord INR GDR
COL F. Bernier, HQ USAF, and party
CPT Thompson, FAO Paris
COL G. Patrick, IG DAMI, and party
Mr. D. Lewis, Rand Corp, and party
CAPT L. T. Leightley, C/IPB USAFSB, and party

OCTOBER

COL Carlson, Dir Plans & Ops USAFSS, and party
COL A. L. Broz, USDATT Prague
MAJ J. L. Jandreau, MILPERCENEUR, and party
COL Hyatt, INSCOM IG
CPT P. Markham, FAO (German)
CPT Montgomery, FAC (German)
LTG S. B. Berry, Cdr V Corps, and party
COL C. F. Scanlon, C/Coll Div ODCSI USAREUR, and party
AMS D. Bolan, AMEMB Berlin
S&T Intel Committee headed by Mr. G. W. Stringham
Mr. Powell, CIA
Sov Orientation Briefing Team
LTC T. J. Kennedy Jr, C/HUMINT Coll Div ODCSI USAREUR
GEN G. S. Blanchard, CINCUSAREUR
MG J. C. McDonough, USCOB
BG W. E. Adams, Cdr BBde, and party
COL W. Baker, Senior Air Tfc Cont USAF, and party

NOVEMBER

Mr. V. Gray, State Dept
BG R. L. Wetzel, Cdr 1st Inf Div (FWD), and party
COL R. S. Allee, DCdr AFEN Ctr, and party
COL L. J. McConnell, CO 11 Av Gp, and party
MAJ Wiecking
BG T. L. Bishop, Cdr 437 Mil Airlift Wing, and party
LTCOL Lindsey, 7113 SAS
LTC J. W. Richards, Dep G2 VII Corps
LTC D. J. Karpen, C/Current Opns Br J-3 USEUCOM
LTC J. L. McCoskey, CPX Proj Off J-3 USEUCOM, and party

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DECEMBER

LTC J. W. Pauly, Vice CINCUSAFE, and party
MG J. C. McDonough, USCOB
USAREUR Manpower Survey Tm headed by LTC J. Meloy
COL J. A. Smith, DCSI USCCB
Dr. J. H. Babcock
CPT Holland G-4 Berlin Brigade
CPT Severn, Aide-de-Camp to USCOB
COL J. R. Mitchell, USAFE INC
COL P. J. Gorey, G-2 VII Corps

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B. (C) RELATIONS WITH GSFG/SERB

1. (C) Meetings at HQ GSFG:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
14 Apr	(U) CUSMLM meeting with COS GSFG. At the request of CINCUSAREUR, CUSMLM (COL Thorsen) met with CCS GSFG, COL GEN Grinkevich, at WUENSDORF from 1100 to 1240 hours. Purpose of the meeting was to deliver GEN Blanchard's invitation to CINCGSFG, Army GEN Ivanovskiy, to visit USAREUR either on 06/07 Jul 77 or 19/20 Jul 77. CPT Troyan and Sr LT Yegorov, SERB interpreter, also attended. COL GEN Grinkevich was in an "expansive and jovial mood."
11 Jun	(C) CUSMLM meeting with COS GSFG. At CUSMLM's request, a farewell visit lasting two and one half hours was made to COL GEN Grinkevich at WUENSDORF. Also present were CSERB, COL Kanavin and interpreters MAJ Holbrook and Sr LT Yegorov. COL GEN Grinkevich made special note of the fact that a marked decrease in incidents had taken place since CUSMLM's arrival in 1974. COL GEN Grinkevich emphasized not only his appreciation for the reasonable and practical leadership CUSMLM had exhibited during his tour, but also expressed his professional respect and envy for the high probability that in CUSMLM's "business (read: collection of intelligence information)", he had accomplished more positive results than any CUSMLM to date. The entire meeting was conducted in an open and warm atmosphere. At the conclusion, gifts were exchanged and COL GEN Grinkevich personally accompanied CUSMLM to his car.
21 Jun	(U) CUSMLM meeting with CINCGSFG. In a USMLM requested meeting lasting half an hour, the new CUSMLM, COL Stovall, presented his letter of appointment to CINCGSFG, Army GEN Ivanovskiy, at WUENSDORF. Also present were MG Novoseletskiy, First DCOS GSFG, MAJ Holbrook and Sr LT Yegorov. CINCGSFG expressed the hope that relations between USMLM and HQ GSFG would remain harmonious. CUSMLM stated that he would endeavor to maintain good relations with HQ GSFG and improve them where possible. CUSMLM asked, for planning purposes at HQ USAREUR, the number and ranks of general officers who would accompany CINCGSFG on his 19/20 Jul visit to Heidelberg. CINCGSFG was not certain, but indicated the party would probably include MG Novoseletskiy, LTG Skidchencko, First Deputy, GSFG, one additional Major General, CINCGSFG's aide, Sr LT Yegorov and Mrs. Ivanovskaya. CINCGSFG remarked that

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he would not try to tell the new CUSMLM what his job was, since he knew that he already knew it very well, from his previous tour in 1969 through 1971. He stressed the importance of USMLM and SERB's settling things between themselves rather than allowing problems to escalate to the Chief of Staff level. CUSMLM promised to do just that. CINCGSFG stated that he did not like to see letters going back and forth from COS to COS (a possible reference to an exchange of letters at the Chief of Staff level in 1970 concerning the actions of a USMLM tour officer, then LTC Stovall).

15 Aug

(U) ACUSMLM meeting with COS GSFG. LtCol Tonge, Acting CUSMLM, met with COL GEN Grinkevich at USMLM's request for thirty minutes and delivered CERVINE TWIST photo albums. Also present were LTC Medved, ACSERB, MAJ Holbrook and Sr LT Yegorov. COL GEN Grinkevich was very congenial and expressed regret that he had not been able to participate in the visit. COL GEN Grinkevich asked whether there were any problems in USMLM. ACUSMLM's response was in the negative. LTC Medved then asked ACUSMLM to comment on the work in progress at the USMLM Potsdam House. ACUSMLM responded to the effect that things were progressing, but that it was clear the East German contractor needed a little pushing and that it was expected this would be done.

15 Nov

(U) CUSMLM meeting with COS GSFG. This meeting had tentatively been arranged during CUSMLM's initial meeting with COL GEN Grinkevich on 12 Oct at the Polish Military Attache Reception in West Berlin. On that occasion, COL GEN Grinkevich had jokingly rebuked CUSMLM for not having made himself available for "discussions" with the COS. CSERB, COL Kanavin, had warned CUSMLM that COL GEN Grinkevich would be "pulling your leg" at the Polish Reception. The meeting was warm and friendly, and COL GEN Grinkevich made reference to friendly meetings in the future, mentioning the Soviet Army-Navy Day Reception in February. COL GEN Grinkevich made general observations about the three Chiefs of Mission with whom he had had personal contact; he commented that the previous CUSMLM, COL Thorsen, was a "straightforward man" and that there had been "no problems". He expressed his hope and expectation that this relationship would continue. COL GEN Grinkevich also stated that anything the Soviets wanted to know about the US Army could be read in Stars and Stripes. "Our" press officer, Sr LT Yegorov, furnished COS GSFG with significant excerpts and "we" knew, for example, everything about the new

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CUSMLM prior to his arrival, just from reading Stars and Stripes. CUSMLM offered to furnish HQ CSFG the film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" during the coming holidays and, if necessary, furnish an officer, sergeant and projector. COL Kanavin suggested that, since the film is 16mm, the Soviets could show it themselves with their own equipment; accordingly, US personnel and the projector would not be necessary. CUSMLM stated that he would put the offer in writing.

2. (U) Meetings with SERB: In 1977, a total of 31 official meetings between USMLM and the Soviet External Relations Branch (SERB) took place, a marked increase over the five in 1976. Nine meetings were held in 1975, and 29 in 1974. A number of the meetings were concerned with arrangements for CERVINE TWIST and the majority of the remainder were in conjunction with normal liaison and administrative matters; no significance is attached to the increase over the previous year.

Official liaison meetings between USMLM and SERB are normally held at SERB offices in Potsdam at the request of either CUSMLM or Chief SERB (CSERB). During 1977, 17 of the 31 meetings were held at the request of CUSMLM. Discussions ranged from administrative matters concerning the Potsdam House, guest pass requests and delivery of invitations to social functions to delivery of USAREUR protests and replies to protests. A synopsis of meetings during 1977 follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
06 Jan	Guest passes. A ten minute meeting between CUSMLM (COL Thorsen) and Deputy Chief of SERB (DCSERB) (LTC Kanavin) requested by SERB. MAJ Holbrook and Sr LT Yegorov also attended. CUSMLM agreed to include ID card or passport numbers on guest pass requests (a time-honored, but unwritten, procedure which had been discontinued since Spring 1974). It was agreed that Soviet accreditation passes would be revalidated by 31 Jan 77.
15 Jan	Guest passes. An hour and a half meeting at SERB's request with attendees as above. SERB requested that ages of children included on guest passes be listed, citing the fact that children age 16 or over are not included on the family accreditation pass. CUSMLM countered to the effect that a mutual, as opposed to a unilateral, decision is required to change any provision of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement. An agreement was reached to handle each guest pass on a case by case basis. CUSMLM then delivered a USAREUR protest concerning a recent SMIM-F detention.

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- 05 Mar Torgau Reception. CUSMLM and CSERB met at USMLM's request. CUSMLM delivered an invitation to CINCGSFG to attend the Torgau Reception at the USMLM Potsdam House on 29 April 77.
- 15 Mar Torgau Reception. CUSMLM, CSERB and Sr LT Yegorov met at SERB's request for seven minutes. CSERB relayed CINCGSFG's acceptance of the invitation to the Torgau Reception. CUSMLM advised that a formal invitation from CINCUSAREUR would follow. CUSMLM restated CINCUSAREUR's intention to invite Army GEN Ivanovskiy to Heidelberg during the reception, at which time dates and other particulars could be arranged.
- 24 Mar Protest. USAREUR protest was delivered to SERB at 0800Z hours at USMLM initiated meeting. CSERB stated he would relay it to the proper authorities.
- 28 Mar Protest. At a SERB initiated meeting, CSERB delivered a verbal protest from COS GSFG to ACUSMLM claiming the illegal detention of SMLM members, COL Goryachen and PRPK Budylin. It was alleged that the US servicemen effecting the detention had threatened the SMLM members with weapons. GSFG further characterized the USAREUR protest of 24 Mar as completely unfounded.
- 11 May Protest. USAREUR reply to the 26 Apr SMLM-F protest was delivered to SERB. CSERB stated he would forward it to the proper authorities.
- 02 Jun Protest. At SERB's request, CUSMLM met with CSERB to discuss the USMLM protest letter of 01 Jun, which follows:
"Dear COL Kanavin, This letter conveys my strong personal protest over an incident which occurred several weeks ago at our Potsdam House and which came to my attention only today. An American citizen driving a vehicle with US Forces green license plates was denied entry to our Potsdam House by the East German Volkspolizei guard stationed outside our USMLM grounds.
This completely unjustified and illegal action cannot be tolerated. I ask that you initiate immediate action to preclude recurrence of such an incident.
I am notifying my headquarters of this incident and recommending that any such future incidents be the subject of official protest action and appropriate reciprocal measures."

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The USAREUR protest of 18 May was delivered to SERB. CSERB stated he would relay it to the appropriate authority.

MAJ Naab and MAJ Kosevich, new USMLM liaison officers, were introduced. CSERB and Mrs. Kanavin were invited to dinner at the USMLM Potsdam House on 13 Jun. It was suggested that a female friend of Mrs. Ivanovskaya be included in the Heidelberg visit in Jul to make the visit more comfortable for her.

- 14 Jun CERVINE TWIST. LtCol Tonge, DCUSMLM, met with CSERB at USMLM's request and asked for confirmation of dates for CINCGSFG's visit to Heidelberg. CSERB verified dates of 19/20 Jul by telephone later that day. This was the first of many meetings with SERB concerning the CINC to CINC visit.
- 27 Jun CERVINE TWIST. At SERB's request, COL Stovall, the new CUSMLM, met with COL Kanavin for 20 minutes to discuss arrangements for the 19/20 Jul CINC to CINC visit in Heidelberg. Also present were LTC Medved, DC SERB, and Sr LT Yegorov. CSERB also brought up three recent USMLM detentions, stating that all three had taken place behind mission restriction signs (MRS). CSERB showed photographs suggesting that SSG Rice's recent loss of his pass in the GDR had also occurred behind MRS in a NEUSTRELITZ Soviet Training Area. CUSMLM responded to this accusation to the effect that none of the three tours had been in PRA's and further stated that it was inconceivable that SSG Rice's pass had been found in the location shown in the photographs. CSERB then emphasized that the primary purpose for the meeting was in fact the CINC to CINC meeting and relayed CINCGSFG's request to visit the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg during his stay in the FRG.
- 09 Jul CERVINE TWIST. At USMLM's request, CUSMLM met with CSERB for 40 minutes. LTC Medved and Sr LT Yegorov were also present. A summary itinerary and a selected list of US personnel involved in the CINC to CINC visit were passed to SERB. COL Kanavin studied the itinerary and then commented, "This evidently means the visit to the Palace of Justice will not take place." CUSMLM agreed that that was the case. CSERB seemed to expect the "turn-down". During the meeting, CSERB was called to the phone and returned with the statement that "COS GSFG was pressing (him) for the itinerary." Uniforms for the visit were discussed, and CUSMLM recommended to CSERB that CINCGSFG and party return to Berlin by US Military Air after the visit.

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- 11 Jul CERVINE TWIST. At SERB request, CUSMLM met with CSERB for 20 minutes. CINCGSFG's thanks for the Heidelberg visit itinerary were relayed, together with the comment that "it looks good and very interesting." Minor changes in timing of the itinerary were requested, as well as LTG Cooper's job title. CSERB indicated that the Soviets were knowledgeable concerning the duties of other US guests. He also asked for the initials of the following US personnel, explaining that GSFG wished to engrave their gifts: GEN Blanchard, LTG Cooper, MG Dillard, MG Ashford, BG Lynch, COL Riscasse and COL Lodge.
- COL Kanavin also mentioned the recent detention of MAJ Meehan and SSG Germaine, commenting that these two, especially SSG Germaine, were apparently "repeaters".
- Later that day an exception to normal protocol occurred when CUSMLM, in West Berlin, accepted a phone call from Sr LT Yegorov, who stated that COL Kanavin had forgotten to mention at the meeting earlier that day CINCGSFG's request that the return trip of 20 Jul be by CINCUSAREUR's special train to the Wartha-Herleshausen crossing point rather than by US Military Air to Berlin.
- 13 Jul CERVINE TWIST. At USMLM's initiative, CUSMLM met with CSERB at SERB for 30 minutes. "Final" details of the GSFG preparations for the 19/20 Jul CINC to CINC visit were discussed and problems resolved or deferred for GSFG or USAREUR decisions. CUSMLM, in a low-key manner, expressed his displeasure at the rude conduct of the East German military toward MAJ Meehan during the first part of his 10 Jul detention vicinity MOCKREHNA (i.e., pointing a loaded weapon). CSERB asked if CUSMLM wanted him to relay that as an official protest to Chief of Staff, GSFG. CUSMLM stated no, that such "problems" and matters should be handled at USMLM/SERB level. Kanavin agreed and promised to address the matter at his level in an attempt to prevent the recurrence of such events. The atmosphere was warm and cordial.
- 15 Jul CERVINE TWIST. At USMLM's request, CUSMLM met with CSERB at SERB for 15 minutes. CSERB stated that the Soviet contingent for the 19/20 Jul visit would be A/G Ivanovskiy, Mrs. Ivanovskaya, LTG Shkidchenko, MG Vorobiov, MAJ Kostenko, Sr LT Yegorov and either COL GEN Grinkevich or MG Novoseletsky (80% likelihood of the latter). CSERB further stated that a letter would follow with the exact names of those Soviets crossing at Wartha-Herleshausen into the FRG and the vehicle VRNs. CSERB asked for a guarantee that a LTC A. I. Flippov and his driver, PVT N. D. Nimtyazh, would also be able to cross in order to insure the proper dispatch of all Soviet vehicles.

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- 18 Jul CERVINE TWIST. CUSMLM met with CSERB at USMLM request for 15 minutes at SERB to discuss final details of procedures at the crossing point.
- 25 Jul Improvements at USMLM Potsdam House. CUSMLM met with CSERB, DCSERB, and Sr LT Yegorov at CUSMLM initiation to discuss improvements needed at USMLM Potsdam House, the need for one additional East German staff member, the guest pass policy for visiting GDR, and US Engineer work to be done on USMLM grounds at Potsdam House. SERB approval of USMLM request to asphalt the driveway was a big "break-through", since it has been an "objective" for the past several years. Guest passes for dependents 16 years old or older stays on a "case by case" basis. CSERB again stressed the smooth timing of the schedule for the 19/20 Jul CINC to CINC visit, the very positive gesture of MG Groves in meeting the Soviet group at the entry point into the FRG, and the overall open and relaxed manner in which the visit was conducted.
- 10 Aug Work in progress at USMLM Potsdam House Compound. LtCol Tonge, ACUSMLM, met with LTC Medved, ACSERB at USMLM's request at USMLM Potsdam House. Discussion centered on the #2 house to insure its readiness for possible occupancy by LtCol Reilly, USMC, and family (incoming USMLM Naval representative). After a walk-through inspection the group adjourned to the main house for lunch.
- 13 Aug CERVINE TWIST. ACUSMLM met with ACSERB at USMLM's request to arrange a meeting with the Chief of Staff, GSPG, to deliver CERVINE TWIST photo albums. LTC Medved passed a report to ACUSMLM concerning US servicemen in East Berlin.
- 05 Sep Illegal US military crossing of GDR border. ACSERB called the US Potsdam duty officer at 1130 and requested that the PDO come to SERB immediately. Upon arrival at SERB the PDO was given custody of SP4 Douglas J. Murray, 218-60-2668, US Army. SERB stated that SP4 Murray had attempted to transit the GDR from the FRG to Berlin on US military credentials aboard a West German train and had been detained by East German border guards and subsequently released to the Soviets. The PDO arranged for US MP's to come to "Freedom Bridge", secured SP4 Murray, his ID card and a 3-day pass (destination Berlin), brought him to Berlin and turned him over to the MP's. He also accepted the following unsigned typed statement from ACSERB:

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"Dear Colonel,

A member of your military service, PVT E-2 Douglas J. Murray, serving in the FRG, violated the rules of passage to West Berlin and illegally crossed the border. My headquarters draws your attention to the fact that this is not the first time this type of incident has occurred, and hopes that your Forces will observe the rules in the future and take action to insure that things like this will not happen again."

- 15 Sep Protest. CUSMLM met for 15 minutes with ACSERB at CUSMLM's request. CUSMLM relayed the following Department of State response to the Soviet complaint noted in the 13 Aug CERVINE TWIST meeting between ACUSMLM and ACSERB:
- "The Mission is grateful for your interest in harmonious Allied relations and the prestige of the US Army. I have been instructed to advise you that matters of the nature described in your report of August 13 which concern the activities of US Forces in Berlin are properly dealt with between the US authorities and the Soviet Embassy in Berlin."
- 19 Sep Potsdam House. CUSMLM met with CSERB at SERB's request. CSERB requested permission to cut down two trees on USMLM grounds which were allegedly hanging over the neighboring East German sanitarium and causing "excessive humidity". CUSMLM promised an answer in a few days and brought up other matters for discussion, including a request for minor repainting of the main house for upcoming Thanksgiving Day festivities, and emphasizing the cook position which had remained unfilled for the past year. CSERB had just returned from his annual 45-day leave and stated that he had visited Moscow and had spent a few days with his wife in ERFURT and WEIMAR in East Germany.
- 01 Oct Illness of COL Gladkov, SMIM-Frankfurt. At a USMLM-requested meeting ACUSMLM passed USAREUR message to ACSERB about COL Gladkov's illness, his refusal to have his family checked, and the US desire to determine the extent of the spread of the disease. ACUSMLM informed ACSERB that COL Gladkov knew of his illness and emphasized our desire to help, to include assisting in getting a Soviet medical team to SMIM-F if desired. ACSERB seemed to understand the necessity to act quickly and himself mentioned an obligation to the World Health Organization. Additionally, ACUSMLM expressed satisfaction with the progress of the work at the Potsdam House.

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- 06 Oct COL Gladkov's illness/Potsdam House. CUSMLM and DCUSMLM met with CSERB at CSERB's request and were informed that COL Gladkov was presently under Soviet medical observation and treatment for his health problem. Discussion continued concerning a new EG employee for USMLM. The hiring of this employee fills all ten positions allotted to USMLM by the Soviets. CSERB stated that the CUSMLM request for an additional maid had been turned down by GSFG, and wryly added that CUSMLM could ask Frankfurt to dismiss one of the West German employees at SMIM since CUSMLM had previously "sort of" used that gimmick in an attempt to get one additional maid at the USMLM Potsdam House. CUSMLM made no further comment on this subject, instead thanking CSERB for the continued good work on the Potsdam House repairs.
- 12 Oct COL Gladkov/Official visit to COS, GSFG/MAJ Robert Ivanovich Polozov. CUSMLM met with CSERB at CSERB's request. CSERB stated that the Gladkovs had been pronounced free of TB by Soviet medical authorities and were on their way back to Frankfurt. He added that while the Soviets felt that the US medical authorities had acted too hastily, no ill intent was attributed to them by the Soviets. CUSMLM was informed that COL GEN Grinkevich would "welcome" a request for an "official visit" to WUNSDORF sometime after the 7 Nov SMLM-F function. CSERB introduced his new deputy, Major Robert Ivanovich Polozov, recently arrived to replace LTC Medved who evidently departed on 10 Oct 77. CUSMLM had been acquainted with MAJ Polozov from 1969 to 1971. DC SERB had gained a little weight and seemed to have lost a little of his English fluency since that time. DC SERB stated that he had most recently been working with "SERB" in LENINGRAD and commented on the more relaxed relations between USMLM and SERB as compared to his previous tour at SERB in Potsdam.
- 10 Nov Thanksgiving Day Dinner/Official visit to COS GSFG. CUSMLM met with CSERB, DC SERB and Sr LT Yegorov at CUSMLM's request. CUSMLM congratulated the Soviets on their 60th anniversary and then delivered invitations for COL and Mrs. Kanavin, MAJ and Mrs. Polozov and several interpreters with wives for USMLM's Thanksgiving Day Dinner on 26 Nov 77. An invitation for LTC Grekh, Potsdam Kommandant, and his wife was also passed through CSERB. CUSMLM provided the names of US general officers who would be attending the function and requested that the work in progress on the Potsdam House kitchen be concluded before 26 Nov. As a result of COS, GSFG's strong hint at the Polish Reception on 12 Oct 77 that CUSMLM should request permission to pay an official visit to WUNSDORF, request by letter for such a visit had been

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sent to CSERB and COS on 9 November. CSERB stated that it would be convenient for CUSMLM to go to WUNSDORF on 14 or 15 November, 15 November being the agreed date. CUSMLM passed a request from USCOB Staff for a photographer to travel the Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn for the purpose of photographing the Autobahn signs and various sections of the road in order to improve the briefing to US personnel driving the road. CSERB promised an answer shortly.

23 Nov Command Diesel - MG Groves. CUSMLM met with DCSERB at CUSMLM's request at 1910Z hours in reference to the delay of four hours in the movement of the Command Diesel bringing MG Groves and his party to the USMLM Thanksgiving Day Dinner, stating that this was not acceptable and requesting initiative by HQ GSFG, preferably COL GEN Grinkevich, to reschedule the train for the requested time.

24 Nov Command Diesel - MG Groves. CUSMLM met with CSERB and DCSERB at SERB's request from 1330 to 1350; Sr LT Yegorov was also present. CSERB stated that he had worked personally through the night and up to the very minute of the meeting on the problem of the delayed Command Diesel. Although he could not guarantee that the entire four hour delay would be erased, he stated that the East German Railroad Ministry would shortly be notifying the West German authorities that the delay had been reduced and that the train would be arriving in Berlin by midnight. He explained that the delay had in no way been caused by the Soviets and that it was difficult for the East German Railroad Ministry always to move the trains at the times desired. CSERB also stated that there would be a delay in firming up a list of those Soviets who would be attending the Thanksgiving Day Dinner, but that he would do his best to have the list delivered on 25 November. CUSMLM emphasized the need for the list in order to finalize seating and other arrangements for the dinner and expressed the hope that COL GEN Grinkevich would be well enough to attend.

02 Dec Protest by GSFG. CUSMLM met with CSERB at SERB's request for 15 minutes in reference to two complaints brought by GSFG against USMLM; DCSERB and Sr LT Yegorov were also present. CSERB reported that a USMLM driver, SSG Germaine, had disregarded the signal of an East German policeman to stop and had caused slight physical injury to him (untrue).

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The second complaint involved a car carrying MAJ Kerr and SSG Germaine being seen "too" close to a military objective and behind mission restriction signs. The meeting closed with a friendly discussion of USMLM's 27 December gift exchange with CSERB, affirming SERB's acceptance of USMLM's invitation to a buffet dinner and the showing of the movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." CSERB stated that he would be inviting several members of USMLM to a small party at SERB on 28 December.

13 Dec

Incident in West Berlin. CSERB requested a meeting attended by DCUSMLM; DC SERB and Sr LT Yegorov were also in attendance. CSERB handed the following unsigned protest to DCUSMLM:

"Colonel,

On 13 Dec 77 at 1320 hours an assault was made on the Soviet military vehicle, VCLGA GAZ-24, No. 15-42 OSH, moving in the American sector (Huttenweg, Dahlem). One of the American soldiers in this area threw a stone at the passing Soviet vehicle, which hit the right rear fender causing a dent and stripping off paint. It was only luck that more serious consequences didn't result. An officer was also present with this American soldier and together they were gesturing and threatening the Soviet tour in the vehicle.

The GSFG command declares a firm protest on the grounds of hostile action of the American soldiers, incompatible with the principles of good neighbor relations and mutual understanding, and assumes that the American command will take measures for prohibiting similar occurrences in the future. With your cooperation we trust that similar provocations by American soldiers will be dealt with accordingly."

19 Dec

Revalidation of Soviet-accredited passes. At the request of CUSMIM, a 15 minute meeting took place between CUSMLM and DC SERB; Sr LT Yegorov also attended. The subject of the meeting was the revalidation of USMLM's 14 personnel passes and 10 vehicle passes, all of which were due to expire on 31 Dec 77. It was expected that all passes would be revalidated by 31 Dec 77 with no problems.

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20 Dec

Protest. CUSMLM met with CSERB at CUSMLM's request to deliver the following response to HQ GSFG's protest on 23 Nov 77:

"HQ USAREUR has carefully considered the protest of HQ GSFG regarding the 17 Nov 77 accident involving SMLM-F vehicle number 8 and cannot accept responsibility for the damages to the SMIM vehicle. Your HQ failed to mention significant facts in connection with the 17 Nov 77 accident. These facts center on the activities of the Soviet personnel prior to the accident. The Soviet personnel had earlier encountered and photographed a US convoy at 1330 hours and then positioned themselves in such a manner that they could again overtake and observe the convoy at 1530 hours. HQ USAREUR considers that the harrassment of the US convoy by the Soviet personnel created the unfortunate accident situation and in itself was a violation of Article 10 of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement. While HQ USAREUR is also interested in the safety of all personnel, the protest of your HQ and request for compensation are rejected."

COL Kanavin stated that he would relay the response to HQ GSFG.

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C. (U) SOCIAL EVENTS.

1. US Sponsored:

a. Torgau/USMLM Anniversary: On 29 Apr, personnel of USMLM hosted the annual reception commemorating the meeting of US and Soviet forces at the Elbe River, near the town of TORGAU at the close of World War II. This year's reception also made special note of the 30th anniversary of the signing of the US/USSR bilateral agreement providing for an exchange of military liaison missions, the Huebner-Malinin Agreement. GEN George S. Blanchard, CINCUSAREUR, headed the US contingent, which also included MG Richard H. Groves, Chief of Staff (COS) USAREUR, MG Oliver W. Dillard, DCSI USAREUR, MG Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., DCS OPS/INT USAFE and BG Alonso J. Walter Jr., Dep Dir J-3 USEUCOM. Soviet general officers present included GEN Y. Ivanovskiy, CINCGSFG, COL GEN D. A. Grinkevich, COS GSFG, LTG Kudrick, COS 16 TAA, an unidentified LTG (probably the GSFG training chief), MG Vorobiov, DCSI GSFG, and MG N. F. Kizyun, First Deputy Chief, Political Directorate. The BRIXMIS and FMLM chiefs attended the reception, as did MG L. A. D. Harrod, DCSI/INT, SHAPE, a former chief of BRIXMIS. Also present were several outstanding soldiers and airmen representing their commands. The attendance of GEN Blanchard and GEN Ivanovskiy lent an added significance to the affair. During conversations with CINCGSFG, GEN Blanchard formally invited him to visit USAREUR; GEN Ivanovskiy accepted.



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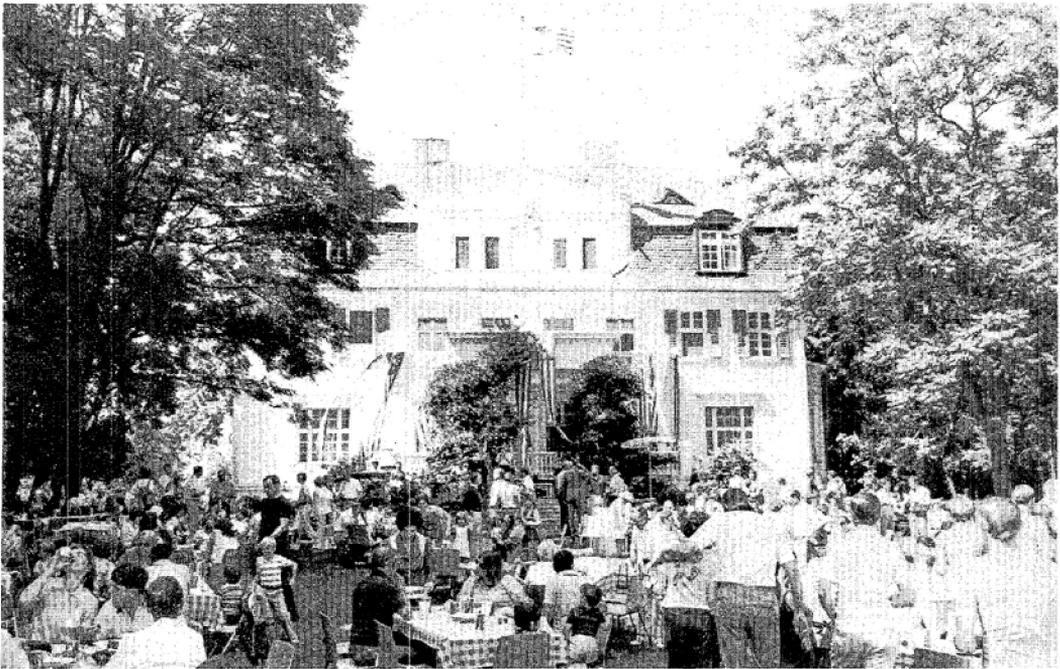
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b. Cocktail Buffet: On 14 Jun a cocktail buffet was held at the Harnack House. This affair, attended by 303 Soviet, French, British, German, Czech, Polish, and US guests, provided the outgoing CUSMLM an opportunity to introduce the newly arrived incoming chief, COL Don Owen Stovall, to these representatives of the many agencies with whom USMLM conducts business.

c. Independence Day Picnic: On 3 Jul, USMLM celebrated Independence Day at the Potsdam Mission House. Tables were set up on the lawn, and the more than 600 Soviet, British, French and US guests enjoyed traditional American picnic fare, prepared by members of USMLM and East German employees of the Potsdam House. The support furnished by other Berlin stationed US units contributed greatly to the success of the occasion: a combo from the 289th Army Band and an amateur barber shop quartet from the Berlin military community provided musical entertainment throughout the day; USAF personnel from Tempelhof Central Airport assisted in setting up and taking down tables and grills; the "head chef" for the occasion was also a TCA member. Even the local weatherman cooperated, furnishing that rarity for Berlin, a warm, sunny and cloudless day. The day's ceremonies included the cutting of cakes made by three USMLM enlisted wives and short speeches commemorating US Independence Day and expressing the hope for freedom throughout the world. The traditional and by now infamous volleyball series involving teams from USMLM, BRIXMIS, FMLM and GSFG took place with the traditional result: members of the Allied mission teams muttered through clenched teeth, "Wait till next year!" US distinguished guests included MG W. H. Ginn Jr., HQ USAFE, RADM E. J. Carroll, Dir J-3 USEUCOM, BG E. A. Dinges, Deputy CG 3d Armd Div, and BG W. E. Adams, Cdr Berlin Brigade. The Soviets were represented by MG Novoseletskiy, Dep COS GSFG, MG Vorobiov, DCSI GSFG, MG Kushnikov, GSFG Engineer, and LTG Kudrick, COS 16 TAA. Approximately 15 other Soviet officers were present, most accompanied by their wives. Once again, the Soviets were most cooperative about the logistics of the affair, permitting passage of the buses through the DREWITZ crossing point and allowing passengers to wear civilian clothing while crossing.

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d. Cocktail Buffet: On 22 Jul a cocktail/buffet reception was held at the Harnack House. Guests included members of the three Allied military missions and the Polish and Czech military attaches, COL Markuszewski and COL Masek. The occasion also provided an opportunity to honor the outgoing Chief, FMLM, COL Denis de Champeaux, and welcome the new Chief of Mission, COL Jean Prautois.

e. Luncheon: On 11 Aug LtCol Tonge, Acting CUSMLM, hosted a luncheon at the Potsdam House. Present at the Luncheon were LtCol Tonge, LtCol J. J. Guenther, departing Navai Representative, LTC G. F. Steger, recently arrived USMLM Senior Ground Liaison Officer, MAJ Felix Lombardi, Chaplain, USAB, MAJ P. M. Brosnahan, Executive Officer, USMLM, 1LT H. E. Berner, Potsdam House OIC, LTC V. E. Medved, ACSERB, and Sr LT Nosov, SERB interpreter. After the luncheon, LTC Medved took advantage of the occasion to present LtCol Guenther with a memento.

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f. Thanksgiving Day Dinner: On 26 Nov USMLM hosted the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Potsdam House. US attendees included MG and Mrs. R. H. Groves, BG and Mrs. E. J. Delaune Jr., BG and Mrs. W. R. Usher, BG W. E. Adams, and USMLM officers and wives. Soviets in attendance included MG Novoseletskiy, MG Vorobiov, MG Kushnikov, COL Kanavin, MAJ Polozov, MAJ Stepanov, CPT Yerovenko and Sr LT Yegorov. Three Soviet wives also attended. Other guests included the Polish and Czech military attaches and their wives, the BRIXMIS and FMLM mission chiefs and several FMLM and BRIXMIS officers and wives. After the traditional Thanksgiving Day fare, CUSMLM's remarks addressed the spirit of cooperation and friendship which had characterized relations among all parties during the past year and emphasized the hope that this same spirit would prevail in the future.



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g. Christmas Party for Potsdam House East German Employees. On 20 Dec 77, the annual Christmas party recognizing the efforts of the East German employees was held. Attendees included, in addition to employees and their families, all USMLM on-pass personnel. Gifts were presented to employees; a quiet, informal and pleasant evening, appropriate to the season, was enjoyed by all participants.



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h. US-Soviet Gift Exchange: On 27 Dec CCL and Mrs. Stovall received members of SERB, to include COL and Mrs. Kanavin and their two sons, MAJ Polozov and son, MAJ and Mrs. Stepanov and daughter and Sr LT and Mrs. Yegorev. Seven accredited USMLM officers, their wives and a total of 13 children also attended the function. A buffet style pot luck dinner, prepared by the USMLM wives, was served. Gifts from CINCUSAREUR, COS USAREUR, CUSMLM and DCUSMLM were presented to the Soviets, and best wishes for the new year were exchanged. The highlight of the evening was the showing of the film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," loaned for the occasion by Walt Disney Productions. The film, a favorite in the Soviet Union, was a great success. A very friendly and relaxed evening was enjoyed by all participants.



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US-Soviet Gift Exchange --
Junior Guests

Above - CCL & Mrs. Kanavin's
son

Right - MAJ & Mrs. Stepanov's
daughter



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2. Soviet Sponsored:

a. Army/Navy Day: On 21 Feb accredited tri-mission officers and their wives attended a reception at the Soviet Potsdam Garrison Officers' Club celebrating Soviet Army/Navy Day. As in the past, this was the major Soviet-sponsored social event of the year. The hosts went to great lengths to create a favorable impression: the traffic regulators directing Allied vehicles through Potsdam were most impressive; carefully groomed Soviet soldiers rendered appropriate military courtesies at the club entrance; the club itself had been freshly painted (and was still wet in places); traditional Russian dishes filled the buffet table. COL GEN Grinkevich was the senior Soviet officer present; his remarks were appropriate to the occasion.

b. Soviet-US Gift Exchange: On 28 Dec SERB hosted a small group of accredited USMLM officers, to include CUSMLM, DCUSMLM, LTC Steger and LTC Kerr. Refreshments were served, and gifts for USMLM personnel from HQ GSFG and SERB were presented. COL Kanavin, MAJ Polozov, MAJ Stepanov, LTC Grekh, Potsdam Kommandant, and MAJ Tsarkov, GSFG Staff Officer, were present. This marked the first appearance in some time for LTC Grekh; he had refused invitations to both the Thanksgiving Day and US-Soviet gift exchange functions. The atmosphere was extremely friendly, with many toasts and exchanges of witticisms. The quip which set the tone for the affair was delivered by MAJ Stepanov, with reference to President Carter; "Certainly hope you have better luck with your Georgian than we had with ours!"

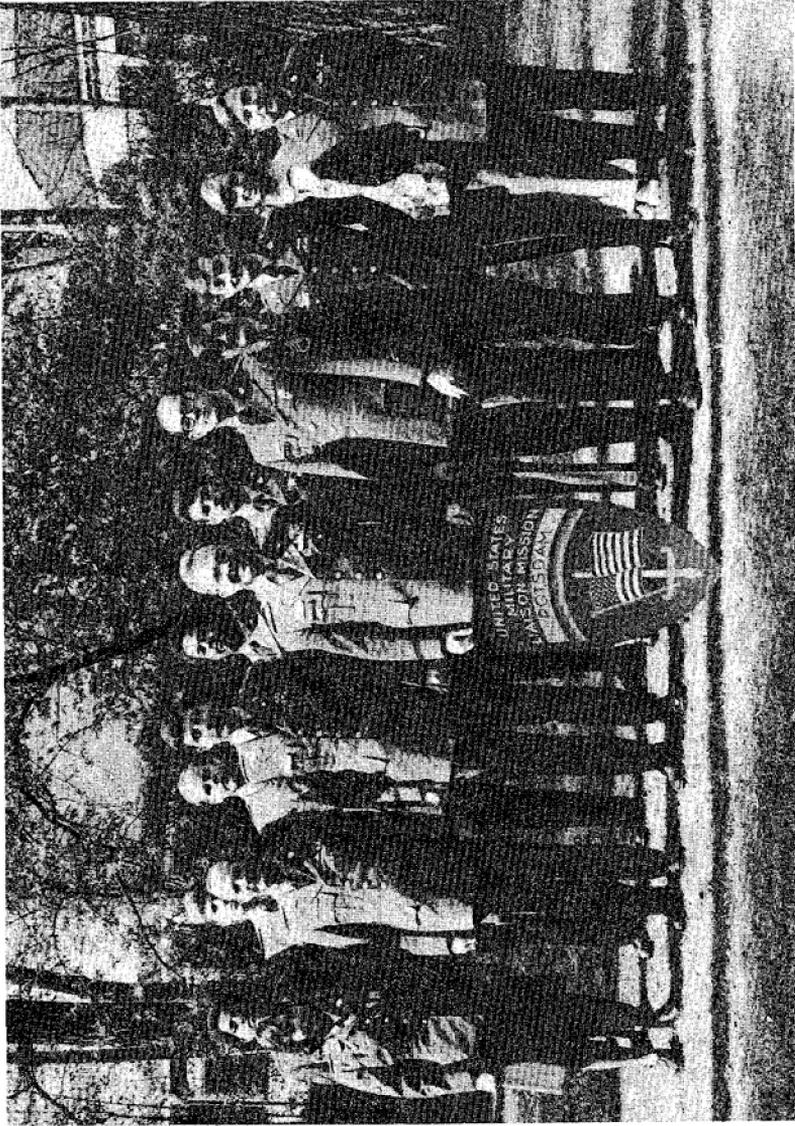
3. Other Warsaw Pact Nations:

a. Czechoslovakian People's Army Day: On 6 Oct the Czech Military Mission hosted a reception celebrating their National Army Day. Attendance was primarily from East Bloc countries, with Soviets from the East Berlin Embassy, HQ GSFG and SERB. Invitations were issued to the three Allied military missions; CUSMLM, DCUSMLM and wives attended. Soviet officers present included: MG Novoseletskiy, MG Vorobiov, LTC Minecv, HQ GSFG, COL Kanavin, LTC Medved, CPT Yerovenko and Sr LT V. V. Kirilov, Assistant Military Attache in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin. Many Soviet officers were accompanied by their wives. LTC Medved announced that he was to leave SERB within the week and that MAJ Polozov was to be his replacement as DC SERB. CPT Yerovenko, also a member of SERB, was seen wearing his new rank insignia for the first time. The occasion was warm and friendly.

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b. Polish People's Army Day: On 12 Oct the Polish Military Mission held a reception, again with most attendees from East Bloc countries. CUSMLM and Mrs. Stovall attended from USMLM. Soviet officers present included COL GEN Grinkevich, LTG Kudrick, MG Vorobiov, MG Yefremov, identified as Dep Chief GSVG (Motor Transport and Tractors), MG Lebedev from the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, LTC Mineev, COL Kanavin, MAJ Polozov and CPT Yerovenko. Wives accompanied many of the Soviet officers. MAJ Polozov, the new DCSEB and a former English interpreter there, was relaxed and confident; he demonstrated during the evening that he has retained his English and French language fluency. The food and drink were superb; the atmosphere was warm and congenial.

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PART IV

MISSION SUPPORT

A. (U) GENERAL. The Huebner-Malinin Agreement and USAREUR Regulations 550-455 and 700-350 provide for logistic support to USMLM and to the Soviet Military Liaison Mission, Frankfurt (SMLM-F) by the headquarters to which they are assigned. USMLM receives additional support from the Commander, US Army, Berlin, as well. In 1977, Soviet support remained at the barely adequate level; cajolment and pressure were again necessary to obtain necessary services and supplies. Support from Berlin Brigade, USCIB and other Berlin based agencies, again as in the past, was most generous, effective and vital to the successful accomplishment of USMLM's mission.

B. (U) SOVIET SUPPORT.

1. The year 1977 brought little substantive change in Soviet logistic support to USMLM. It was, however, a year of considerable cooperation in administrative matters. Soviet reimbursement of USMLM bills for supplementary rations purchased in Potsdam was formalized and streamlined, to mention one example. This trend was not, unfortunately, universal: USMLM still receives no cleaning supplies without submission of a request several months in advance. Often, it appears that the problems inherent in a centrally planned economy figure more heavily than Soviet recalcitrance in causing deficiencies in support. The project of renovating the small house on the Potsdam Mission grounds offers a case in point. East German workers, carrying out the major portion of the work, have been delayed by material shortages and by poor work scheduling. A plasterer and a painter arrived to refinish the interior walls of the house one week prior to the arrival of the plumber, who proceeded to install new water pipes in the freshly refinished walls. Despite duplication and wasted effort, a gradual improvement in the small house's appearance has taken place. Completion of this project is anticipated in 1978, at which time renovation of the carriage house will begin. Another project begun in 1977 was the remodelling of the main house kitchen. Replacement of an old wood burning stove with new gas stoves and retiling and painting of the kitchen resulted in a considerable improvement. The kitchen renovation, scheduled for completion in Nov 77, remained unfinished at year's end.

2. Sickness and absenteeism on the part of East German employees prompted a USMLM request that the Soviets provide an eleventh worker at the Potsdam House. Although this request was disapproved, the Soviets, in September, filled a cook's position which had been vacant since Dec 76. For the first time in nearly a year, all ten authorized positions for East German help were filled.

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3. Soviet Support Statistics, CY77:

Coal	32 tons
Rations	14,200 meals (estimated)
Trash Pick-up	Weekly
Electricity	66,321 KWH (estimated)
Natural Gas	12,500 cubic meters (estimated)
Water	30,000 cubic meters (estimated)
VK 94 Gasoline	30,000 liters
Telephone	One telephone with three extensions
Personnel	One East German security guard (24-hour post); 10 East German employees (four cooks/waitresses; three cleaning maids; three handymen)

C. (U) BERLIN BRIGADE SUPPORT.

1. Furnishing of the small house at the Potsdam Mission. Total estimated cost was \$9218.00, to include cost of repairing and cleaning furniture presently on hand. Major new or replacement items included:

- Complete kitchen
- Three bedroom suites
- Living room suite
- Refrigerators
- Dining room suite
- Carpets
- China, silverware

2. Maid, gardener (every two weeks) and security guards for West Berlin headquarters.

3. Self-service supply center items at a total cost of DM 22,376 for office, cleaning and vehicle supplementary supplies; DM 3256 was used for cleaning supplies for the Potsdam House not supplied by the Soviets.

4. One-day dry cleaning of Class A uniforms was reinstated for on-pass personnel.

5. Oil supplies: 336 liters

6. Gasoline: 22,510 gallons

7. On two occasions during 1977, a platoon from the 42d Engineer Company/Berlin Brigade, carried out construction work at the Potsdam House, to include building a complete playground, extensive waterfront landscaping, rebuilding of the boat dock and clearing of a large amount of rubble from the grounds. The Soviets furnished dump trucks to

support the latter operation. Soviet observers monitoring the progress of the projects were obviously impressed with the professionalism and capability of the engineer troops, working under the supervision of NCO's. On one occasion, DCSEB inquired of DCUSMIM whether the troops were in fact building a submarine base; the answer was, "No, the water is too shallow."

8. The following improvements were made to the USMLM West Berlin headquarters by E&I Division:

- a. Installation of new cipher lock on the Administration/Command floor and on the Air/Joint Operations Division floor
- b. Renovation of the electric wiring system
- c. Repainting of interior
- d. Installation of steel mesh over windows in Ground Division and in the tour debrief/highlight preparation room
- e. Preliminary work on installation of an anti-intrusion device in ammunition storage room

D. (C) VEHICLES.

1. Vehicle Status:

a. As of 01 Jan 77:

1) Fleet Composition

- One 1974 Ford Custom sedan
- One 1972 Ford Custom station wagon
- Two 1974 Ford Broncos
- Two 1975 Ford Broncos
- Eight 1975 Opel Admirals
- Eleven 1976 Opel Admirals
- Total number of vehicles: 25

2) Accreditation: Vehicles were assigned against USMLM's ten accreditations as follows:

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<u>PLATE NUMBER</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>
20	1974 Ford Custom (black)
21	1975 Ford Bronco (OD)
22	1976 Opel Admiral (white)
23	1975 Opel Admiral (white)
24	1975 Opel Admiral (white)
25	1976 Opel Admiral (OD)
26	1975 Opel Admiral (white)
27	1974 Ford Bronco (OD)
28	1976 Opel Admiral (OD)
29	1976 Opel Admiral (OD)

b. As of 31 Dec 77:

1) Fleet Composition

- One 1977 Ford LTD sedan
- Two 1977 Ford LTD station wagons
- Two 1975 Ford Broncos
- Four 1977 Ford Broncos
- Eleven 1976 Opel Admirals
- Four 1977 Opel Diplomats
- Total number of vehicles: 24

2) Accreditation: Vehicles were assigned against USMLM's ten accreditations as follows:

<u>PLATE NUMBER</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>
20	1977 Ford LTD (black)
21	1975 Ford Bronco (OD)
22	1977 Ford Bronco (OD)
23	1977 Ford LTD station wagon (black)
24	1976 Opel Admiral (OD)
25	1977 Opel Diplomat (OD)
26	1977 Opel Diplomat (white)
27	1977 Ford Bronco (OD)
28	1976 Opel Admiral (OD)
29	1976 Opel Admiral (OD)

2. During 1977, four Opel Diplomats were added to USMLM's operational fleet. Four 1977 Ford Broncos, received in Dec 76, were put into service, after undergoing necessary modifications. In addition, one Ford LTD sedan, for use as CUSMLM's official car, and two Ford LTD station wagons, earmarked for support of the Potsdam Mission House, were delivered during 1977.

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E. (C) PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY.

1. The Photo Lab production figures listed below provide an indication of USMLM intelligence collection and reporting; even more vividly, they reflect the professionalism and dedication of the small group of US Air Force and Army personnel who make up the lab. New equipment, acquired and installed in 1977, provided assistance; the adherence to high quality standards and prompt completion of work orders despite the increase in work load was a function of the professional skills and pride in performance of every lab member.

2. Production Statistics:

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Rolls of film processed		
Black & White	4602	3181
Color	1040	503
Duplicate Black & White	5288	1245
Film reproduction		
Proofs	181991	141162
IR Prints	551976	302120
Total Prints	733967	443282

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ANNEX A

HUEBNER-MALININ AGREEMENT

A G R E E M E N T

MILITARY LIAISON MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE SOVIET AND UNITED STATES COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF THE ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY

In conformity with the provisions of Article 2 of the Agreement on "Control Mechanism in Germany," November 14, 1944, the US and the Soviet Commanders-in-Chief of the Zones of Occupation in Germany have agreed to exchange Military Liaison Missions accredited to their staffs in the zones and approve the following regulations concerning these missions:

1. These missions are military missions and have no authority over quadri-partite military government missions or purely military government missions of each respective country, either temporarily or permanently, on duty in either zone. However, they will render whatever aid or assistance to said military government missions as is practicable.
2. Missions will be composed of air, navy, and army representatives. There will be no political representative.
3. The missions will consist of not to exceed fourteen (14) officers and enlisted personnel. The number will include all necessary technical personnel, office clerks, personnel with special qualifications, and personnel required to operate radio stations.
4. Each mission will be under the orders of the senior member of the mission who will be appointed and known as "Chief of the United States (or Soviet) Military Mission."
5. The Chief of the Mission will be accredited to the Commander-in-Chief of the occupational forces.

In the United States Zone, the Mission will be accredited to the Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command.

In the Soviet Zone, the Mission will be accredited to the Commander-in-Chief of the Group of Soviet Occupational Forces in Germany.

6. In the United States Zone, the Soviet Mission will be offered quarters in the region of Frankfurt.

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7. In the Soviet Zone, the United States Mission will be offered quarters at or near Potsdam.

8. In the United States Zone, the Chief of the Soviet Mission will communicate with A/C of Staff, G-3, United States European Command.

9. In the Soviet Zone, the Chief of the United States Mission will communicate with the Senior Officer of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

10. Each member of the missions will be given identical travel facilities to include identical permanent passes in the Russian and English languages permitting complete freedom of travel wherever and whenever it will be desired over territory and roads in both zones, except places of disposition of military units, without escort or supervision.

Each time any member of the Soviet or United States Mission wants to visit the United States or Soviet headquarters, military government offices, forces, units, military schools, factories, and enterprises which are under United States or Soviet control, a corresponding request must be made to Director, Operations, Plans, Organization and Training, European Command, or Senior Officer, Headquarters, Group of Soviet Occupational Forces in Germany. Such requests must be acted upon within 24 - 72 hours.

Members of the missions are permitted allied guests at the headquarters of the respective missions.

11. a. Each mission will have its own radio station for communication with its own headquarters.

b. In each case couriers and messengers will be given facilities for free travel between the headquarters of the mission and the headquarters of their respective Commander-in-Chief. These couriers will enjoy the same immunity which is extended to diplomatic couriers.

c. Each mission will be given facilities for telephone communication through the local telephone exchange at the headquarters, and they will also be given facilities such as mail, telephone, and telegraph through the existing means of communication when the members of the mission will be traveling within the zone. In case of a breakdown in the radio installation, the zone commanders will render all possible aid and will permit temporary use of their own systems of communication.

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12. The necessary rations, P. O. L. supplies, and household services for the military missions will be provided for by the headquarters to which accredited, by method of mutual compensation in kind, supplemented by such items as desired to be furnished by their own headquarters.

In addition, the respective missions or individual members of the missions may purchase items of Soviet or United States origin which must be paid for in currency specified by the headquarters controlling zone where purchase is made.

13. The buildings of each mission will enjoy full rights of extra-territoriality.

14. a. The task of the mission will be to maintain liaison between both Commanders-in-Chief and their staffs.

b. In each zone, the missions will have the right to engage in matters of protecting the interests of their nationals and to make representations accordingly as well as in matters of protecting their property interests in the zone where they are located. They have a right to render aid to people of their own country who are visiting the zone where they are accredited.

15. This agreement may be changed or amplified by mutual consent to cover new subjects when the need arises.

16. This agreement is written in the Russian and English languages and both texts are authentic.

17. This agreement becomes valid when signed by the Deputy Commanders of the United States and Soviet Zones of Occupation.

/s/ C. R. Huebner
/t/ Lieutenant General HUEBNER

Deputy Commander-in-Chief,
European Command

/s/ Malinin
/t/ Colonel-General MALININ

Deputy Commander-in-Chief
Chief of Staff of the Group
of Soviet Occupational Forces
in Germany

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ANNEX B

TOURING STATISTICS

A. (C) TOURS AND TOUR DAYS, 1977:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TOURS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TOUR DAYS</u>
January	41	80
February	39	75
March	47	89
April	49	84
May	59	112
June	36	64
July	39	71
August	39	97
September	38	76
October	46	89
November	44	83
December	46	95
TOTAL	523	920

B. (C) DISTANCE TOTALS, 1977: 672,269 kilometers (km)

C. (C) COMPARISON OF 1976 AND 1977:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Tours	489	523
Tour Days	926	920
Distance	407,001 km	672,269 km

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ANNEX C

1977 PERSONNEL ROSTER

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
COL	STOVALL, DON O.	ARMY	14 Jun 77	
COL	THORSEN, PETER L.	ARMY		15 Jun 77
LTCOL	TONGE, JAMES M.	USAF		
LTC	GREENWALT, RANDALL A.	ARMY		
LTCOL	GUENTHER, JOHN J.	USMC		16 Aug 77
LTC	KERR, JOSEPH P.	ARMY	30 Sep 77	
LTC	MEEHAN, JOHN F.	ARMY		
LTC	MINNEHAN, THOMAS J.	ARMY		13 Jun 77
LTC	NAAB, RICHARD M.	ARMY	23 May 77	
LTCOL	REILLY, JAMES E.	USMC	06 Aug 77	
LTC	STEGER, GEORGE F.	ARMY	25 Jul 77	
LTCOL	TUITE, JOHN R.	USAF		
MAJ	BOYETTE, PAUL A.	USAF		
MAJ	BROSNAHAN, PATRICK M.	ARMY		
MAJ	EVANS, THOMAS C.	ARMY		
MAJ	GOFF, JOHN E.	ARMY		
MAJ	HILTON, ROGER T.	ARMY	18 Jul 77	
MAJ	HOLBROOK, JAMES R.	ARMY		12 Sep 77
MAJ	ISLEY, REX M.	ARMY		
MAJ	KOSEVICH, RICHARD S.	ARMY	01 Jun 77	
MAJ	STOCKREISER, EMILE J.	USAF		
CAPT	BENEDICT, RICHARD A.	USAF		

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
CPT	CRUTCHER, MICHAEL H.	ARMY		
CAPT	POTEBNYA, ORR Y.	USAF		24 Jan 77
CPT	TROYAN, NICHOLAS	ARMY		01 Jul 77
1LT	BERNER, HOWARD E.	ARMY		
SGM	CORBETT, WILLIAM R.	ARMY		30 Jun 77
CMSGT	FISHER, RICHARD A.	USAF		27 Jun 77
SMSGT	BOURASSA, RODNEY G.	USAF	28 Aug 77	
MSG	DUTTLINGER, RICHARD	ARMY		
SMSGT	SPITZENBERGER, KONRAD	USAF		
MSGT	ASTLE, LEONARD J.	USAF		01 Oct 77
MSGT	FISHER, DAVID L.	USAF	02 Jun 77	
MSGT	GERTEISEN, JACK	USAF		
SFC	JACK, GARY D.	ARMY		
MSGT	JOHNSON, ROBERT L.	USAF		
MSGT	MARTINEZ, ARNOLD J. A.	USAF	11 Sep 77	
MSGT	PENNOCK, MERT L.	USAF		
MSGT	PUCKETT, RONALD L.	USAF		
SFC	TIFFANY, FREDERICK	ARMY		19 Aug 77
MSGT	VUILLEMOT, DON E.	USAF		26 Oct 77
SSG	BENAVIDES, ESTOLANO	ARMY		
SSG	CAMPBELL, WARREN K.	ARMY		03 May 77
SSG	ELLIS, DARWIN W.	ARMY		15 Nov 77
SSG	FEHR, STUART L.	ARMY	24 Jun 77	07 Nov 77

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
SSG	FOOTE, RAY A.	ARMY		30 Jun 77
SSG	GERMAINE, RALPH P.	ARMY		
SSG	MABARDY, KARL W.	ARMY		
SSG	MCKNIGHT, CLEVELAND A.	ARMY	04 May 77	
SSG	MOORE, JAMES E.	ARMY		
SSG	NICHOLLS, JEFFERY L.	ARMY		
SSG	PARKS, FRANKIE L.	ARMY		01 Oct 77
SSG	PAWLAK, MARTIN D.	ARMY	13 Jan 77	06 Sep 77
SSG	REED, HANS-PAUL G.	ARMY		21 Dec 77
SSG	RICE, EDWARD J., III	ARMY		
TSGT	ROSCHMANN, HORST	USAF		
SSG	RYAN, JOHN S.	ARMY	26 Oct 77	
SSG	TIFFANY, HANS-JOACHIM H.	ARMY		
SSG	WIHS, GEORGE W.	ARMY		
SP5	BAILEY, JOHN M., III	ARMY		21 Jul 77
SP5	BORG, JEFFREY S.	ARMY		
SGT	FREDERICK, STEPHEN J.	USAF		
SGT	GEERSON, EDWARD B.	ARMY		
SP5	GWYN, JAMES T.	ARMY		
SP5	HARRIS, PATRICIA I.	ARMY		
SGT	HENN, RONNIE R.	ARMY		
SGT	HOGAN, JAMES H.	ARMY		02 Nov 77
SP5	HOYT, STEVEN V.	ARMY		

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
SGT	MUELLER, MARK W.	ARMY	12 Aug 77	
SGT	PORTERFIELD, WILSON M.	ARMY	19 Dec 77	
SGT	RANEY, LARRY D.	ARMY	12 Oct 77	
SP5	REUTER, JOHN W.	ARMY		
SGT	SELLS, JOHN	ARMY		
SGT	SHANAHAN, ROBERT E.	ARMY		
SP5	SLIDER, JANEEN E.	ARMY		09 Sep 77
SP5	SOUKUP, MARILYN A.	ARMY		12 Aug 77
SP4	AUGUSTINE, ROBERT C.	ARMY		31 Mar 77
SP4	FICZKO, THOMAS	ARMY	04 Apr 77	
SP4	MONLYN, LACOYA A.	ARMY		
SP4	OWENS, DONALD E.	ARMY	18 Aug 77	13 Oct 77
SP4	POMMER, FREDERICK E.	ARMY		15 Jul 77
SP4	ROESSLER, PAUL F.	ARMY		
SP4	SCHWAB, LAWRENCE R.	ARMY		
SP4	SPRUILL, MIGUEL	ARMY	09 Sep 77	
SP4	WILLIAMS, LYNN, JR.	ARMY	15 Aug 77	13 Oct 77
PFC	VARONE, JENNIFER J.	ARMY	12 Oct 77	
PV2	MCMORROW, ELIZABETH S.	ARMY	23 Nov 77	
PV1	CRITELLI, CATHERINE A.	ARMY	23 Nov 77	

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
A1-4	BAILEY, JOHN M., III	04 Aug 77	
CVII	CANTU, SHARON S.	22 Sep 77	
GS-5	COOPER, MELISSA J.	21 Mar 77	
CVIb	CORBETT, WILLIAM R.	25 Jul 77	
CVII	CUADRADO, JOSEPH	26 Aug 77	31 Oct 77
CVII	DICKERSON, LORRAINE	01 Dec 77	
CIVb	GRICIUS, GEORGE A.		31 Mar 77
CVIIz	GUESS, LINDA M.		
A1-4	HUELSKOETTER, LARRY		15 Jul 77
GS-7	PADGETT, JACQUELINE O.		25 Feb 77

ANNEX D

USMLM PERSONNEL, 1977

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COL PETER L. THORSEN
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DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION



MS MELISSA J. COOPER
SECRETARY



MS JACQUELINE O. PADGETT
SECRETARY
(DEPARTING)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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POTSDAM HOUSE OIC



SP5 JEFFREY S. BORG
ADMIN SUPERVISOR



SFC FREDERICK TIFFANY
ADMIN SUPERVISOR
(DEPARTING)



SGT JAMES H. HOGAN
ADMIN SUPERVISOR
(DEPARTING)



SGT MARK W. MUELLER
ADMIN SPEC



SP4 LAWRENCE R. SCHWAB
PERSONNEL SPEC



SGT EDWARD B. GEERSON
SCTY/ADMIN NCO



SSG FRANKIE L. PARKS
SCTY/ADMIN NCO
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PVT CATHERINE A. CRITELLI
SCTY/ADMIN SPEC



SP4 LYNN WILLIAMS JR
SCTY/ADMIN SPEC
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MS LORRAINE DICKERSON
CLERK/TYPIST



SSG JAMES E. MOORE
COMM CENTER CHIEF



SGT RONNIE R. HENN
CRYPTOC SPEC



SGT JOHN SELLS
CRYPTOC SPEC



SGT ROBERT E. SHANAHAN
CRYPTOC SPEC



SP4 LACOYA A. MONLYN
CRYPTOC SPEC



SP4 ROBERT C. AUGUSTINE
CRYPTOC SPEC
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MOTOR SGT



SSG WARREN K. CAMPBELL
MOTOR SGT
(DEPARTING)



SGT WILSON M. PORTERFIELD
ASST MOTOR SGT



MR JOHN M. BAILEY III
CAR WASHER



MR LARRY HEULSKOETTER
CAR WASHER
(DEPARTING)



SSG GEORGE W. WIHS
SUPPLY SGT

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SSG MARTIN D. PAWLAK
SUPPLY SGT
(DEPARTING)



SP4 MIGUEL SPRUILL
SUPPLY CLERK

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PRODUCTION OFFICER
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SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER



LTC JOSEPH P. KERR
LIAISON OFFICER



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MAJ RICHARD S. KOSEVICH
LIAISON OFFICER



MAJ JAMES R. HOLBROOK
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SSG HANS-PAUL G. REED
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SP5 PATRICIA I. HARRIS
INTELL ANALYST



SP5 STEVEN V. HOYT
INTELL ANALYST



SP5 JOHN E. REUTER
INTELL ANALYST



SP4 PAUL F. ROESSLER
INTELL ANALYST



SP5 JOHN M. BAILEY III
INTELL ANALYST
(DEPARTING)



PVT ELIZABETH S. MCMORROW
REPORTS CLERK



SP5 MARILYN A. SOUKUP
REPORTS CLERK
(DEPARTING)



SP4 DONALD E. OWENS
REPORTS CLERK
(DEPARTING)

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REPORTS CLERK
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EQUIPMENT NCO



MSGT ROBERT L. JOHNSON
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LIAISON NCO



MSGT RONALD L. PUCKETT
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MSGT DON E. VUILLEMOT
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN
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SSG RAY A. FOOTE
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SSG CLEVELAND A. MCKNIGHT
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN



TSGT HORST ROSCHMANN
ADMIN NCO



SSG JOHN S. RYAN
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SGT STEPHEN J. FREDERICK
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PFC JENNIFER J. VARONE
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DIVISION NCOIC
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MSGT LEONARD J. ASTLE
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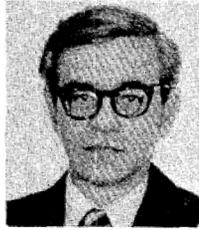
SSG ESTOLANO BENAVIDES
TECHNICAL NCO

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SP5 JANEEN F. SLIDER
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ANNEX E

THE USMLM "ALUMNI ASSOCIATION"

Traditionally, USMLM continues to exert a strong attractive force upon former members; equally traditionally, certain USMLM alumni are unable to resist this attractive force and return for second tours. The experience gained during previous assignments to the Mission materially enhances their value to the unit. 1977 was a bumper year for members of the "I've been here before" club: the new Chief of Mission, COL Stovall, served as a tour officer from July 1969 through July 1971; LTC Randall Greenwalt, Chief of Ground Division, is a former USMLM tour officer; MAJ Roger Hilton returned for a second tour after an absence of approximately three years; and SSG Hans-Paul Reed completed his second tour as a liaison NCO. In addition, two former members of USMLM, Mr. John Bailey and Mr. William R. Corbett rejoined USMLM in local hire civilian positions upon completion of military service.

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ANNEX F

USMLM LOSES A FRIEND



Mission members were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. George Gricius some three months after his retirement on 31 Mar 77 from the post of USMLM language instructor. With the passing of this distinguished gentleman, USMLM has truly lost a good friend.

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ANNEX G

CERVINE TWIST

1. Background. GEN Davison, former CINCUSAREUR, visited ZOSSEN-WUENSDORF, GSFG headquarters, on 04 Sep 73 as a guest of Army GEN Ivanovskiy, CINCGSFG. At that time, GEN Davison expressed the hope that GEN Ivanovskiy would visit him in HEIDELBERG at a mutually agreeable time after the first of the coming year. GEN Blanchard, who was CG VII Corps at that time, also participated in the 1973 visit. The 1973 visit had been the first CINC-to-CINC visit since the 1962 meeting between GEN Yakubovsky and GEN Freeman in POTSDAM.
2. General. On 19-20 Jul 77, CINCGSFG, Army GEN E. F. Ivanovskiy, made an official visit to USAREUR, hosted by CINCUSAREUR, GEN George Blanchard. The objective of the visit, as established by CINCUSAREUR, was to present to the Soviet delegation a hard training, professional and combat ready US Army in Europe. CINCUSAREUR was determined not to allow the Soviets to interpret what they were to see and hear as being "staged" or "canned". This had been the impression which GEN Blanchard had brought back with him from the 1973 WUENSDORF trip.
3. As mentioned in previous sections of this history, USMLM was involved in the planning and coordination phase of CERVINE TWIST, the 19-20 Jul 77 CINCGSFG visit to HQ USAREUR. In a series of meetings with SERB, CUSMLM delivered the first informal invitation and coordinated details of the visit, acquiring and relaying information concerning the preferred time for the visit, travel arrangements and the like. Two USMLM officers, Majors Kosevich and Holbrook, were detailed to HQ USAREUR for six weeks in connection with planning for the visit.
4. During the visit itself, MAJ Holbrook acted as interpreter for CINCUSAREUR; MAJ Kosevich delivered, in the Russian language, the USAREUR overview briefing to GEN Ivanovskiy and party. Subsequently, MAJ Holbrook was recalled to USAREUR to assist in preparation of the after action report.
5. The event was highly successful, presenting in accordance with GEN Blanchard's desires a realistic, unstaged portrayal of a skilled, professional and combat ready army. CINCGSFG and the senior Soviet officers accompanying him were obviously impressed, GEN Ivanovskiy at one point commenting on the professionalism displayed by the US Army noncommissioned officers and expressing his envy to GEN Blanchard. USMLM is proud that it was able to contribute to the success of this important occasion.

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