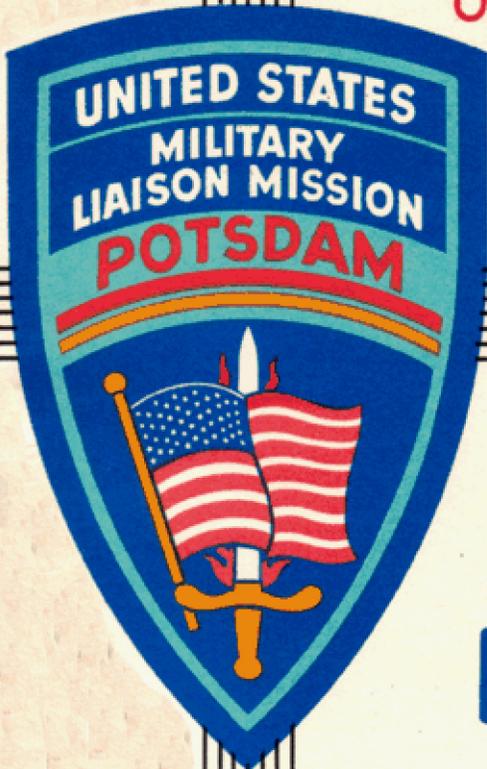


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DEDICATION

This 1978 Unit History is dedicated to the USMLM tour officer and all who have served before in this most unique assignment. The tour officer is a "one-man band." He is a reconnaissance scout, linguist, reporter, con-artist, resource manager, photographer, teacher, perennial student, and military representative of US interests in Communist East Germany. The tour officer must address these various roles creatively. He must be at once innovative and aggressive. His stamina, coolness, and patience must be high. The personal pressure is often great. Touring is a test of endurance, stealth, intelligence, and knowledge. It is not a personal test of one's masculinity; nevertheless it often takes an above average amount of courage. Successful collection is a precision art, not a physical contact sport, but the competitiveness, aggressiveness, and drive of the "strong player" in athletics are qualities not amiss in the USMLM tour officer. Last of all, a tour officer must be lucky. With a little bit of luck, your "average good man" will be in the right place at the right time and the results will be spectacular.

There are few assignments in the military service where an officer can personally contribute so much to US defense efforts and few jobs where a man must be such a jack-of-all-trades and master of each. This is a tribute to these men.

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(C) This year's USMLM Unit History bears a dedication to the "tour officer." He is a unique breed, to say the very least; yet he can well be the normal eager-to-learn-and-produce US Army, US Air Force, or USMC officer. His accomplishments and contributions may sometimes go unnoticed; yet he often provides the national level intelligence agencies with that "final word" to complete the intelligence picture. He does good work.

The year 1978 marked the steady upgrading of weapons and equipment in both the Soviet and East German military inventories. There were no history-making tactical exercises, nor were there critically important new items of equipment introduced; thus, it remained a fairly normal year for the Soviet and East German forces.

As you read this history you will note the several collection accomplishments and the areas which received increased emphasis during 1978. USMLM's greatest value remains, however, the systematic monitoring and reporting of day-to-day activities of the Soviet and East German forces. We continue to "chip away."

For those of us who serve at USMLM, the close professional and social relationships with our BRIXMIS and FMLM colleagues continued as a high point of our tour here. The close coordination and cooperation which has come about through the years continue.

Personnel and logistics support from the local Berlin area and from theater and national agencies also remained at the customary high level. Without that vital support, USMLM would be hard-pressed in accomplishing its mission. Our sincere thanks to all.



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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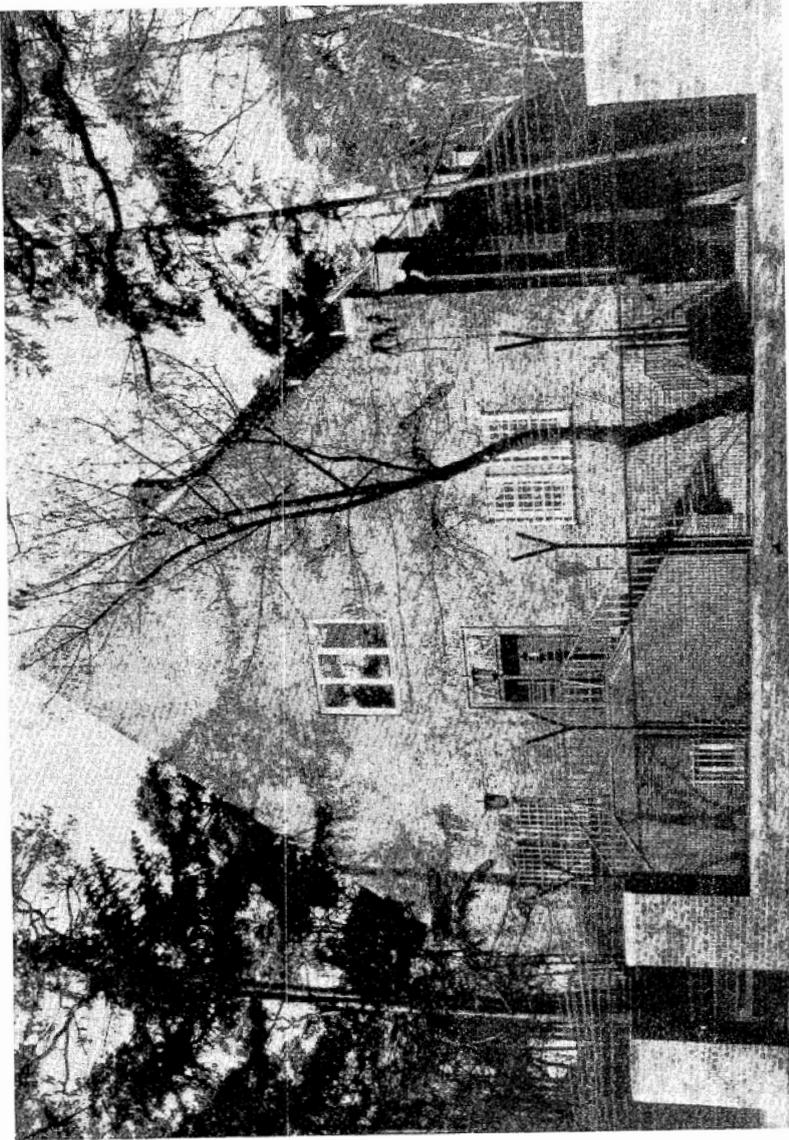
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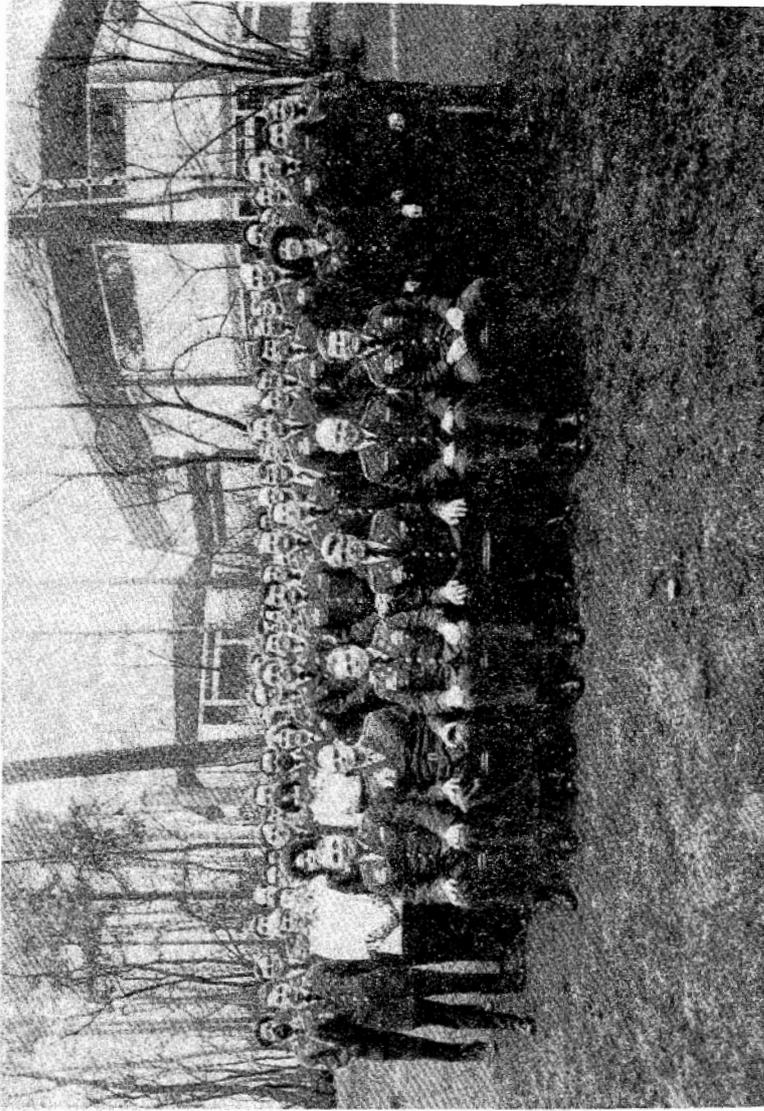
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PART I

GENERAL

A. (C) INTRODUCTION. USMLM activity in performance of its two missions is addressed in detail in succeeding portions of this history. A brief summary of this activity is submitted in sub-paragraphs below:

1. Intelligence Information Collection: Throughout 1978 the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany (GSFG) and the East German Army (EGA) continued their program of modernization and upgrade of combat and logistic support capabilities; while no evidence was obtained suggesting introduction of new major weapons systems into the inventory of either GSFG or the EGA, a pattern of replacement of older equipment items, with concomitant increase in combat effectiveness, was observed. In the course of monitoring GSFG and EGA activities, USMLM tours drove more than 600,000 kilometers within East Germany. In excess of 1200 Intelligence Information Reports (IIR's) were produced in 1978. The USMLM Photo Lab prepared approximately 500,000 IIR prints and 9000 duplicate rolls of film as IIR enclosures.

2. Permanent Restricted Areas (PRA's) and Temporary Restricted Areas (TRA's): In May GSFG announced minor changes to three PRA's within East Germany. These changes were assessed as having only minimal impact on the mission collection effort. Of more interest was the reduction in the total number of TRA's imposed. This reduction, coupled with the failure on the part of GSFG to impose any TRA subsequent to July, gave rise to cautious speculation that they have abandoned the use of this protective measure to deny access to areas of military movement and tactical activity.

3. Detentions and Incidents: In 1978 USMLM experienced 11 detentions and 4 serious incidents, 3 involving the use of firearms by Soviet personnel.

4. Liaison and Representation: The 118 briefings delivered to representatives of the intelligence community, higher headquarters, and local agencies provided an opportunity to exchange ideas, receive guidance, and outline mission capabilities to interested personnel. USMLM participated in 24 meetings with HQ GSFG and with the Soviet External Relations Branch (SERB) in carrying out its mission as representative of the Commander in Chief, United States Army, Europe. Social functions at the Potsdam Mission House provided, as in the past, opportunities for senior US officers to meet their Soviet counterparts.

B. (U) REFERENCES.

1. TDA E1 WIAUAA E10179, HQ USAREUR, 27 Oct 78
2. USEUCOM Directive 40-18, 22 Apr 77
3. USAFE Regulation 23-11, 8 Jul 74
4. 7113 Sp Acty Sq Reg 23-5, 1 May 76
5. USMC Table of Organization 5503, 17 Dec 76

6. CMC Letter Order MMOA-1-EAM-17, 12 Apr 78

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, USMLM 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:

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| CUSMLM (Army) | 1 |
| Deputy Chief of Mission (DCUSMLM) (USAF) | 1 |
| Naval Representative (USMC) | 1 |
| OIC, Potsdam House (Army) | 1 |

Liaison Officers

| | |
|------|---|
| Army | 4 |
| USAF | 2 |

Liaison NCO's

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| Army | 3 |
| USAF | 1 |

2. Army Element: The TDA in effect on 31 Dec 78 authorizes 11 officers and 26 enlisted personnel.

3. Air Element: The air element is composed of five officers and 10 enlisted personnel, organized as Detachment 16, 7113 Special Activities Squadron.

4. Naval Element: In 1978 the 2 additional USMC spaces approved in 1977 were filled. The USMLM naval element now consists of two officers and one NCO.

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.

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

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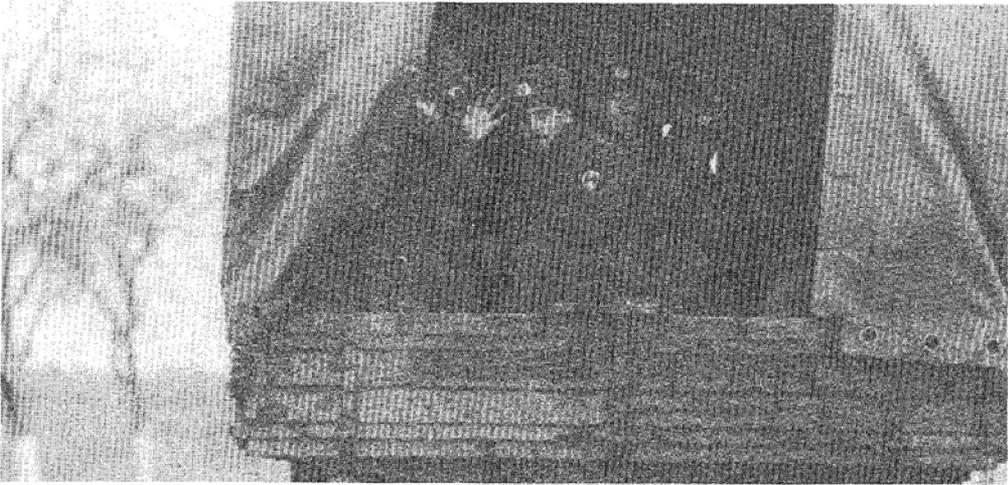
A. (C) General. 1. USMLM collection divisions continued to monitor the modernization and reequipping of GSFG, 16th Tactical Air Force (16 TAA), the East German Army (EGA) and the East German Air Force (EGAF) during 1978. In retrospect, 1978 appears to have been a fairly normal year for the Soviet and East German forces. There were no history-making exercises, nor was any cardinal item of equipment introduced, such as the T-64 or the AS-7 KERRY tactical air to surface missile, although the SA-8, (seen for the first time at the tail end of 1977), was covered in much more detail during the first months of 1978. Nevertheless, there was a steady upgrading of weapons and equipment in both the Soviet and East German inventories.

In excess of 560 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 and grew during 1978, receiving high acclaim from many consumers. Special projects such as that covering GSFG support for Soviet harvest activities enjoyed considerable success and will continue as an item of special interest during 1979; and wrap-up reports, especially a series of handbooks and special studies prepared by Air Division, again proved extremely valuable to the consumer. Collection accomplishments of interest are highlighted in subparagraphs 2B, C and D below. However, USMLM emphatically believes that its greatest value lies in the systematic monitoring and reporting of day to day activity of the Warsaw Pact armed forces. Air, ground and joint 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. Whenever Air, Ground or Joint Division teams operated together in a unified collection effort, it has been so stated. In order to "set the stage" and give the reader a better appreciation of how USMLM goes about getting the information that crosses the analysts' desks each day, a brief description of the working environment has been included this year.

2. The Working Environment: No tour passes over the famous GLIENICKE Bridge into East Germany without wondering "What will happen this time?" And hardly a tour passes completely uneventfully unless it takes place over New Year's, the biggest of the Soviet holidays (and even then, as on last New Year's Eve, a tour team prowling near a Soviet barracks is likely to be entertained by a crowd of drunken Soviet troops dancing wildly in the streets to the strains of a cheap accordion).

3. In any case, the collection effort begins immediately on the other side of the bridge. Every tour has a unique opportunity to study the Soviet soldier and his East German counterpart at very close range. Sometimes, when being observed, the Soviet soldier is very friendly. He will wave, give the "V" sign, smile and carry on.

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At other times, things can get very hostile. Last year, three shooting incidents occurred, one of them so serious that an official State Department protest was lodged. Incidents of this nature occur only rarely: The Soviets are as concerned for their missions in West Germany as the Allies are for their people in the East; accordingly, tour personnel normally need not fear for their lives. Obstacles enough exist, however, in the normal working environment; rarely does a tour experience a dull moment.

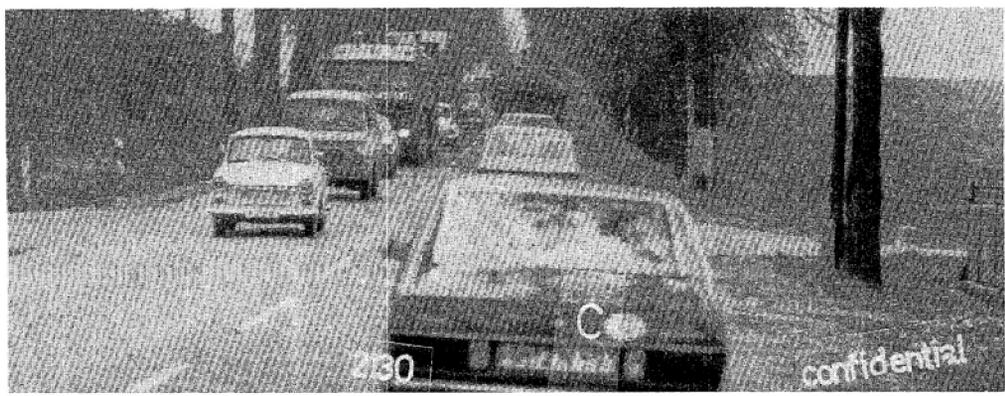
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Obstacles include the East German People's Police (Volkspolizei (VOPO)) and the Ministry for State Security (Ministerium fuer Staatssicherheit (MfS)). Surveillance and harassment techniques employed by these East German agencies have increased in sophistication and efficiency during the more than thirty years of the Mission's existence. VOPO teams are stationed at nearly every Autobahn cut-off; their WARTBURG sedans, while not fast, are equipped with radios, by means of which colleagues waiting at the next junction can be advised of the imminent approach of a USMLM vehicle. Close cooperation exists between VOPO personnel and agents of the MfS, affectionately known as "Narcs" to the three Missions. Past experience strongly suggests that the VOPO-MfS communications nets are tied into the Soviet and HGA military nets. A typical scenario developed by USMLM and based on experience is: A VOPO patrol sees a Mission vehicle on a major road, takes up surveillance, notifies his MfS colleagues and drops off once an MfS team takes over the surveillance; the "Narc" team continues surveillance as unobtrusively as possible and notifies his headquarters when the tour's destination, a military installation or installation complex, becomes evident; the MfS headquarters element relays the information to the installation concerned, where a warm welcome is prepared for the arriving tour. This represents, of course, an ideal scenario, at least from the viewpoint of the opposition!

East German traffic, especially on major roads and Autobahns, constitutes another major obstacle: Travelling west on the BERLIN-HELMSTEDT Autobahn on a Friday or returning on Sunday must be experienced to be believed; long lines of vehicles proceed at the maximum speeds consistent with road and weather conditions, and frequently in excess of safe speeds; VOPO's line the Autobahn, adding to the GDR's store of hard currency by levying and collecting fines for speeding from drivers of West German Mercedes. Traffic on this and other major arteries is no longer limited to West German vehicles and inter-zonal commercial vehicles, however; crowds of VOLGA's, LADA's, MOSKVICH's, TATRA sedans, SKODA's, WARTBURG's and TRABANT's, in addition to the thousands of W-50 and LO-series civilian trucks, clog the major roads and Autobahns in East Germany. A tour attempting to cover a military column on, for example, Route 5, northwest of BERLIN, finds itself in a most unenviable position; there is literally no place to go and hide.



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Much of the Mission tour's work remains off the hard surface roads. Secondary roads and trails in East Germany remain in a primitive state; mud, potholes, and terrain induced damage and breakdowns remain factors limiting tour mobility. A significantly large proportion of the East German populace, however, remains friendly to Tri-Mission personnel and will sometimes go to extraordinary lengths to help us. One ground tour, stuck in a plowed field near a Soviet bivouac site, was pulled away behind an East German farmer's tractor while shouting Soviet soldiers ran along beside the car.

To keep up with terrain problems and the opposition network, USMLM has continued its search for the ideal tour vehicle. In 1978, we toured with Opel Admirals and Diplomats and the cross-country Ford Bronco. Both the Diplomat and the Bronco were excellent tour vehicles; unfortunately, Opel discontinued the Diplomat, and Ford converted to a pickup version of the Bronco, too large and too obvious for our purpose. After much study the Chief made the decision to go to the Mercedes 350SE as the tour sedan and the British Range Rover as the cross-country vehicle. The first Mercedes was received in DEC 78. The vehicle arrived complete with factory installed modifications, to include the famous rally pack. It promises to become the best sedan tour vehicle yet. With the purchase by both USMLM and FMLM of the Range Rover in 1979, all three missions will be equipped with this cross-country vehicle. USMLM experimented with one other vehicle in 1978, the Dodge power wagon, the Ramcharger, as a candidate to replace the Bronco. Air Division liked the Ramcharger because, with its high clearance and huge tires, it could get them into any OP. But, for ground tours, touring in the Ramcharger felt like coming into town with the circus. The vehicle is big and resembles nothing in the GDR; tour personnel could hear VOPO's saying "Here they come!" from three miles away. On one occasion, as the vehicle was crossing on the SANDAU ferry, the operator dubbed it, most appropriately, "the big, black super Jeep."

Various devices are available to the opposition to channelize Mission traffic and to deny tours access to military objectives. These include Permanent Restricted Areas (PRA), encompassing some 30,000 square kilometers, Temporary Restricted Areas (TRA) and more than 10,000 Mission Restriction Signs (MRS). Mission policy is to ignore MRS, since no authority for their use is contained in the Huebner-Malinin Agreement. On numerous occasions, however, Soviet and East German military personnel have provided clear indications of the degree of seriousness with which they regard them.

The best 1978 MRS story came out of the POTSDAM local area and concerned our nearest neighbor, the 10th GTD at KRAMPNITZ Installation 261. This important installation is right down the road from the POTSDAM Mission House. Its back gate is on one of the main east-west access routes, the FAHRLAND Road. For years, Tri-Mission tours have made the installation a port of call, acquiring over the wall photography, checking for the presence of new equipment and looking for any indications of upcoming move-outs by division elements. Finally, the KRAMPNITZ commander had enough and put up MRS to deny the road to the three Missions. When Mission tours ignored the signs, he set traps, using whole platoons of traffic regulators. He managed to snare first a BRIXMIS and then an FMLM tour. A USMLM tour narrowly escaped by taking to a nearby field; a second BRIXMIS tour broke away from a traffic regulator at literally the last moment, the latter action resulting in a Soviet protest.

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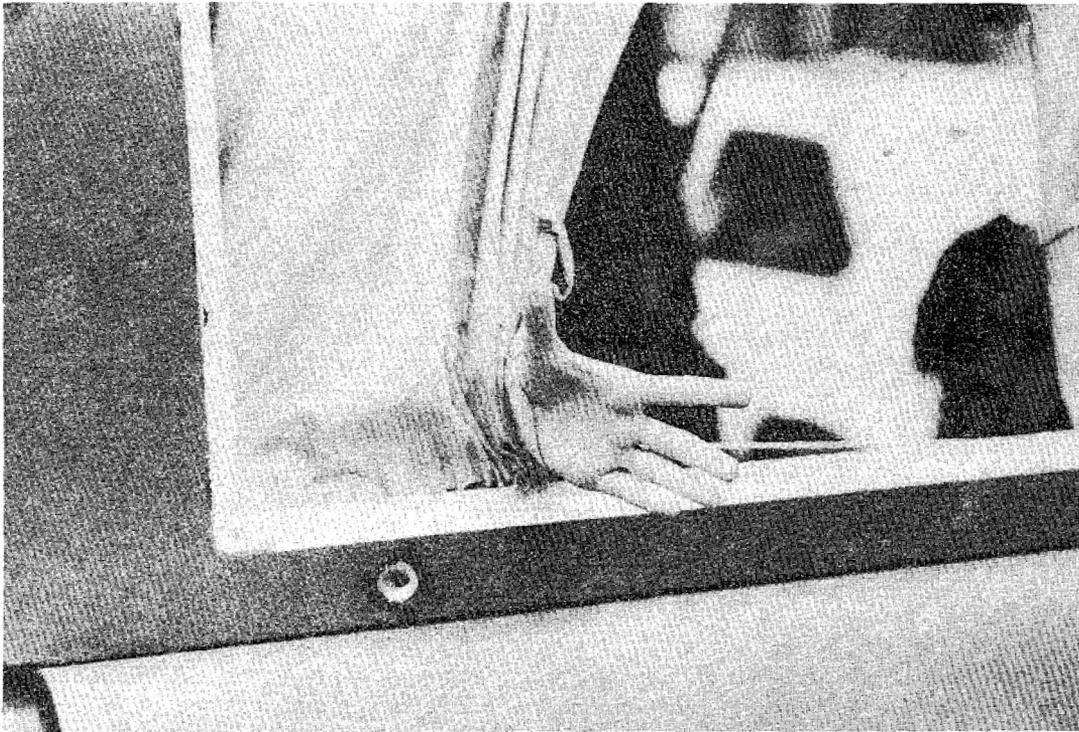
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Although each Mission Chief vehemently protested the illegal blocking of the road and the attendant ambushes and incidents, the Soviets had committed themselves so strongly that they could no longer back down without losing face. Eventually, a strange sort of tacit agreement came into existence: the Missions stopped running the FAHRLAND Road so frequently, limiting themselves to one or two passes a day, and the Soviets stopped setting traps. The MRS themselves mysteriously disappeared on New Year's Eve, while the KRAMPNITZ garrison was busy celebrating the holiday.

Everything mentioned above contributes to difficult touring; the major problem, however, remains the Soviet and East German soldier. Attitudes of members of the opposition military forces vary widely from day to day, often for no perceptible reason. Oftentimes, a tour operating near troops for extended periods of time will be completely ignored; at other times, the arrival of a tour vehicle, or its presence on a well-traveled road near a military installation, is the signal for a concerted effort at a detention. In 1978, USMLM tours suffered a total of nine detentions, culminating in the 26 MAY "big snatch" vicinity GADOW-ROSSOW. Thanks in part to a policy of cautious, low-profile touring, USMLM had no more detentions for the remainder of the year. This low-profile attitude did not, however, prevent other serious incidents: Soviet guards on a train in the SCHOENHAUSEN rail siding fired several rounds over the heads of a tour composed of LTC Hilton and SGT Raney; two shooting incidents earned for LTC Kerr and SSG Martin the unenviable distinction of being USMLM's "most shot after" tour team for 1978. Ultimately, assurances were received from SERB to the effect that GSFG soldiers were now forbidden to fire either at vehicles or personnel identified as belonging to the Allied Military Liaison Missions. Hopefully, GSFG will incorporate a Mission recognition course into its training schedule, and future USMLM histories will contain no photos such as that on the next page.

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With the exception of the GADOW-ROSSOW incident, USMIM detentions in 1978 were fairly routine in nature. Virtually the only noteworthy thing about them was that the tour personnel used them quite well to elicit additional intelligence information, particularly in the case of detentions involving East German personnel. Tour NCO's with native German fluency, notably SSG Mabardy and SSG Tiffany, have used their skills to excellent advantage with East German soldiers during detentions. In one instance, we learned about a new installation near the detention site and about morale and living conditions of troops stationed there. In every detention effected by East German personnel, the arrival of Soviet representatives from the Kommandatura concerned is the signal for additional expression of the mutual antipathy shared by the two "allies". On two occasions last year, a Soviet officer referred to the East German officer in charge as a "Fascist" or "Nazi". The tour officers were astounded (and heartened) by this open display of contempt.

Other chases, near detentions and chance encounters with the opposition have provided, in retrospect, some of the year's lighter moments:

MAJ Kosevich and SSG Rice were discovered near the TONNDORF bivouac site, scene of two detentions in the early part of the year. While taking evasive action, they made the wrong turn and drove through the center of the bivouac site itself, with no attempt on the part of Soviet troops to halt them. As is often the case, the element of surprise proved decisive.

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LTC Hilton's encounter with a KAMPFGRUEPPEN unit was interesting: Dead tired from hard touring the night before, he and SGT Sells had gone to roost in a convenient copse on a hill near the road. They woke in the early morning to find themselves surrounded by a curious platoon of KAMPFGRUEPPEN personnel, out on a large weekend exercise. A friendly conversation ensued; on the tour's departure, the platoon leader admonished LTC Hilton to report that "We are a good outfit and know what we are doing".

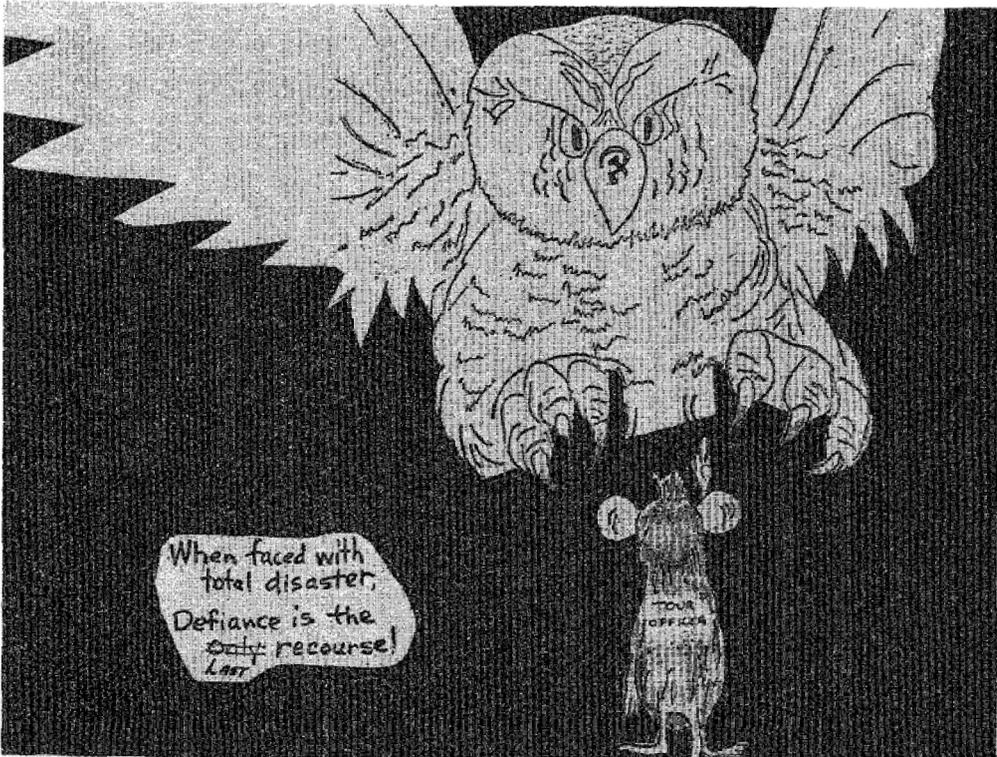
On another occasion, MAJ Isley and SSG Mabardy stopped to watch a Fasching parade in KRANICHFELD, in which some KAMPFGRUEPPEN units were taking part. They were liberally photographed by the official parade photographer and by various East Germans in the crowd. When LTC Hilton passed through KRANICHFELD a few days later, he was rebuked in the course of a conversation because MAJ Isley's tour had spoiled parade photo coverage; the MfS had confiscated every photo of the parade after learning the USMLM members figured prominently in them.

LTC Benning, as a new tour officer, gave us a couple of the best stories on "close encounters": One foggy morning at GOLDBERG, he worked his way on foot to within observation distance of the EGA tank barracks. Just as the mist dissipated enough to permit observation of the installation, he was discovered by two EGA soldiers, who immediately began pursuit. Though LTC Benning gamely competed in the ensuing foot race, he was no match for the younger troopers. Accordingly, he stopped abruptly, identified himself as a US Army senior officer and demanded to be treated in a manner befitting his exalted rank. Immediately respectful, the EGA soldiers agreed to accompany him to the tour vehicle, where an invitation would be extended to SSG Roach, the tour NCO, to accompany the party to the office of the installation commander. When the party reached the tour vehicle, LTC Benning broke away and, with a dazzling burst of speed, attained the safety of the tour vehicle, which promptly departed the area, leaving behind two sadder, but wiser young soldiers, confirmed in their belief in the duplicity of the representatives of the decadent, capitalistic West.

LTC Benning was equally fortunate in his second encounter with the forces of law and order. He was observing the PARCHIM tank range from a convenient forest tower when a Soviet Jr SGT, out mushroom picking, emerged from the woods. Climbing down slowly from the tower, LTC Benning blurted out the first thing that came to mind: "Why aren't they firing today?" The Soviet NCO, equally flustered, responded: "Why, they never fire on Sundays!" Having broken the ice with this interchange, the two engaged in a friendly conversation about troop rotation, which was then in progress, exchanged cigarettes and mushrooms and parted with mutual best wishes. Beginner's luck, but not a bad beginning!

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Many thoughts cross a tour officer's mind during the last few seconds of an impending detention. Although his attitude and actions are always 100% professional and correct in his dealings with both the Soviets and the East Germans, he must sometimes resist the temptation openly to manifest the complex and sophisticated tour philosophy developed within the three Missions over the years:



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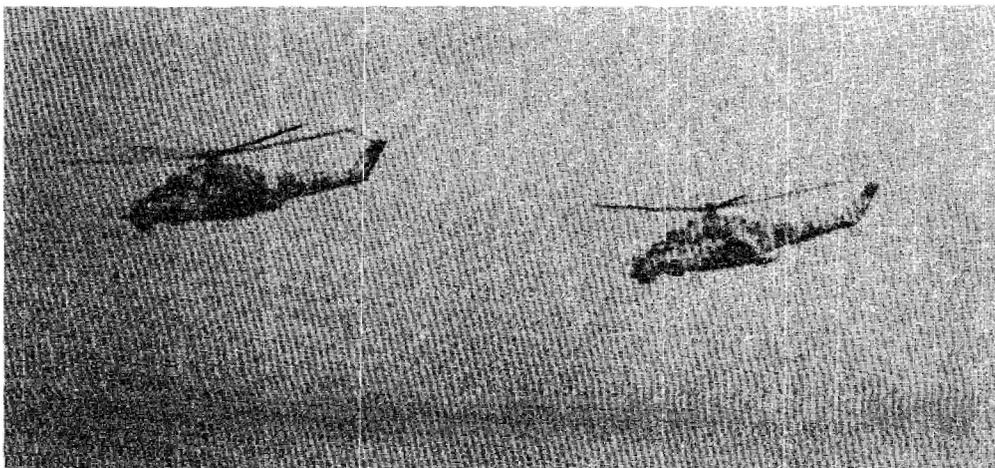
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B. (C) GROUND COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:

1. General: Proliferation of previously introduced weapons systems into the inventories of Soviet and East German units continued. Two additional Soviet divisions, the 21st MRD and the 25th TD, received the T-64 main battle tank; retrograde of T-62 previously assigned to the 25th TD was confirmed. Conversion of S-60 equipped divisional AAA regiments to the SA-8 system continued throughout the year. New Soviet equipment observed during 1978 included: the SA-8 collimator; new CBR equipment; and the AT-4 and AT-5 ATGM systems.

The East German armed forces modernization program was particularly impressive. In 1978, the East Germans acquired the SA-6; the SA-9; a new decontamination vehicle, the TZ-74; the SMALL FRED; and possibly the BIG FRED. Upgrading with improved equipment continued: it now appears that each EGA division has one BMP equipped regiment and that each divisional AT Bn uses the MTLB as the T-12 prime mover; the HIND D and the HIP F, both seen in the East German inventory for the first time in 1977, were observed with increasing frequency in 1978. The anticipated conversion of EGA armor units to the T-62 did not, however, take place in 1978; continued retention of the T-55 in the East German inventory causes USMLM to believe that the T-64 or T-72 will appear in the East German Inventory in 1979.

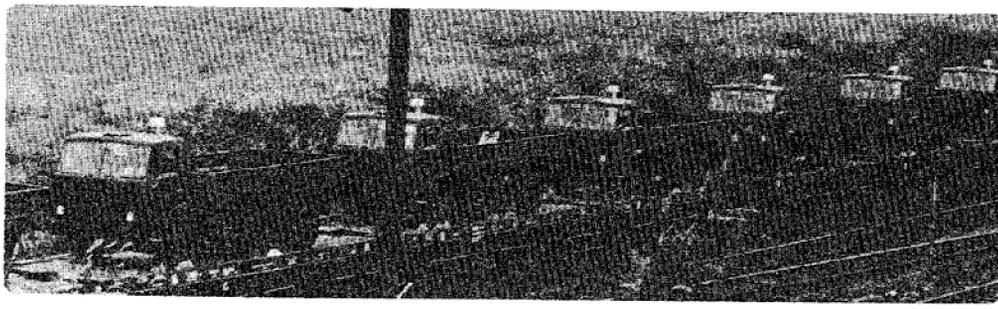
Observations acquired during Tri-Mission coverage of Soviet and East German river crossings and combined arms exercises confirmed the increased use of helicopters in a ground support role. Photos below and on the next page showing, respectively, HIND D and one HIP E were acquired on 19 OCT by LTC Hamilton and SSG Tiffany during coverage of a Soviet exercise.

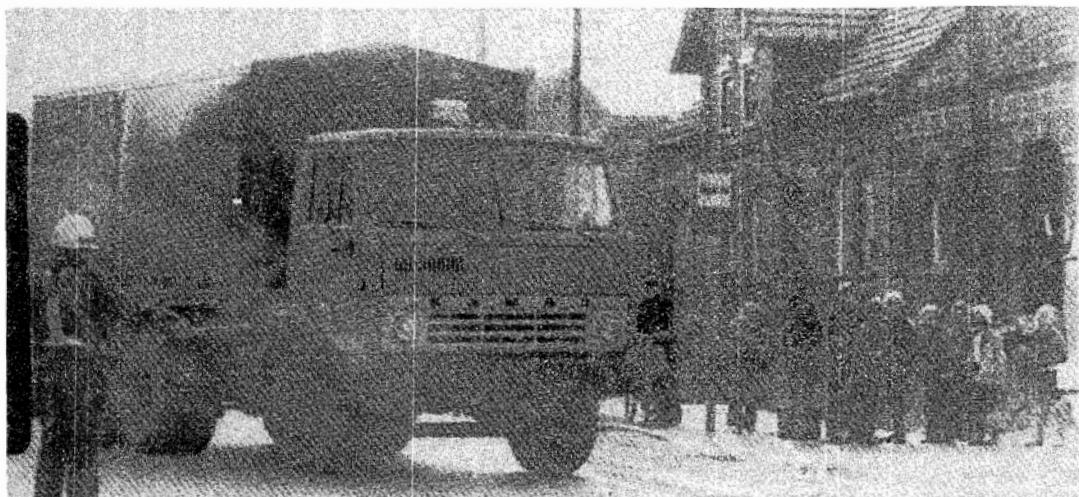


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In another trend, the impact of Western technology acquired by the Soviet Union was felt with the massive import into GSFG of the KamAZ series truck. Produced in the Kama Motor Vehicle Plant, built by a consortium of US and West European manufacturers, the KamAZ-5320 and the KamAZ-5410 have been arriving by the trainload and are now becoming standard in GSFG motor transport and artillery units, replacing older Soviet trucks such as the ZIL-157 and Ural-375/377. The impact of this trend on GSFG's logistics capability has yet to be assessed; however, the acquisition of this modern eight-ton vehicle certainly alleviates pressures caused by the annual diversion of more than 12,000 cargo vehicles from GSFG for harvest support activities in the Soviet Union. The following photos of the KamAZ-5320 were acquired in JUNE 1978 by tours consisting of LtCol Tonge and SSG Tiffany and LTC Naab and SGT Sells.



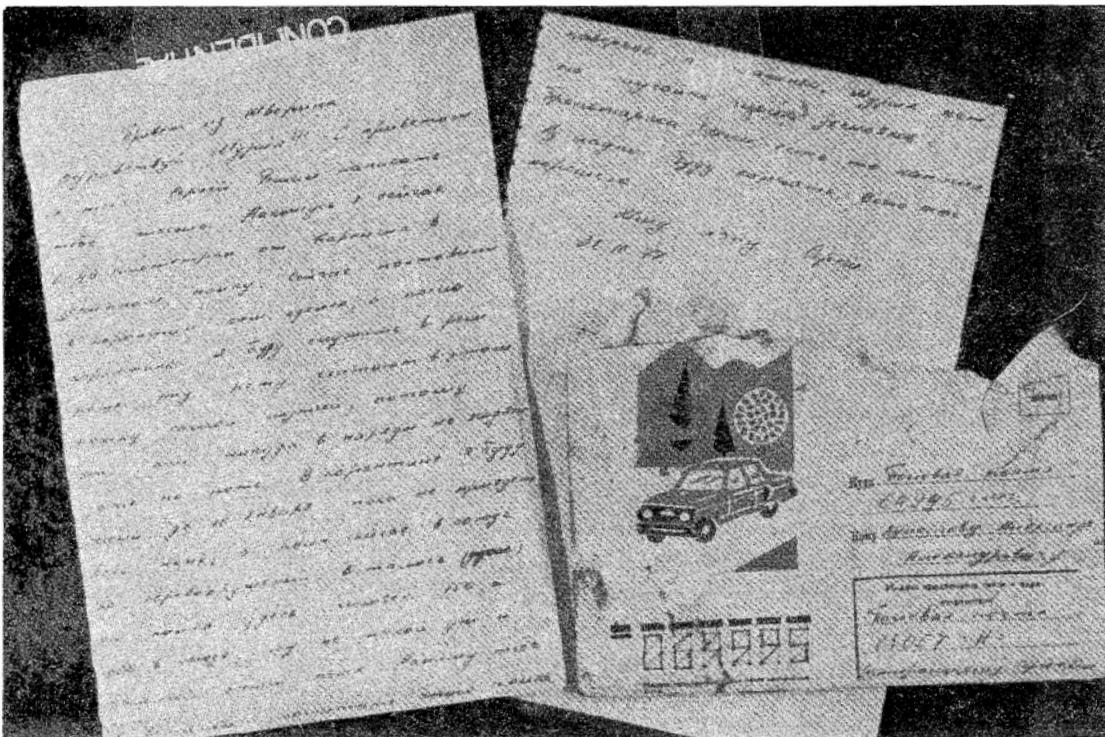


Observations of several score of new Soviet box-body vans (BBV) and variants of previously identified BBV once more gave the lie to the old myth about the lack of Soviet sophistication. Almost as many variants exist among combat vehicles, modified for special purposes, such as the BTR-60 series, with 30 known variants, and the BMP. The photo below showing an unidentified SCUD-associated BBV was acquired in JUNE 1978 by MAJ Goff and SSG Tiffany.

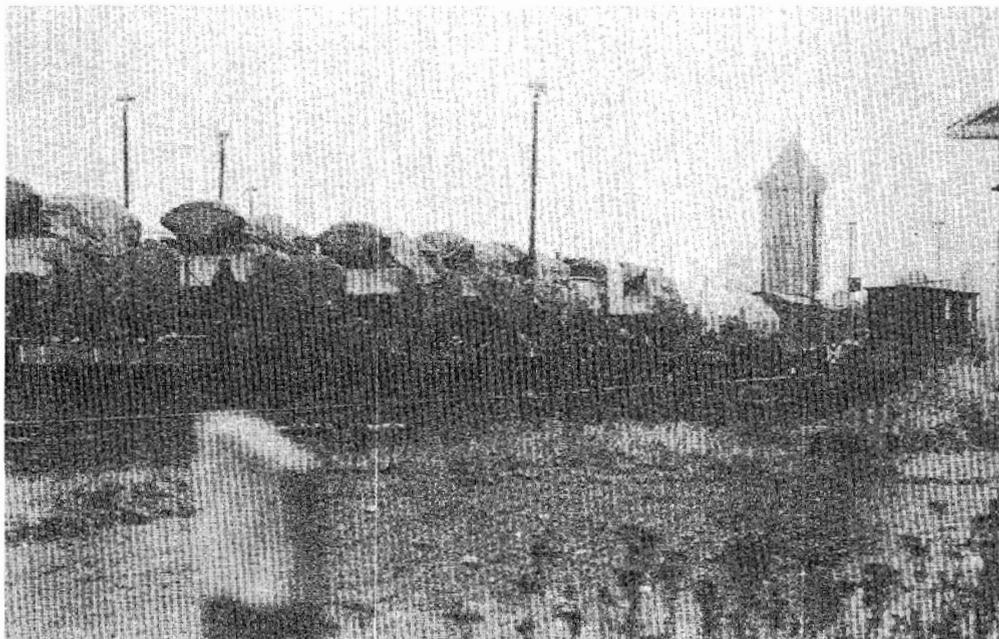


2. Significant Sightings:

a. 14 JAN 78: Observations and photography of a train carrying SA-8 TEL, transloaders and numerous other SA-8 associated vehicles and equipment at the KAROW rail siding. The story of this extraordinary sighting of an entire, newly arrived SA-8 regiment bears repeating. In DEC 77, a ground tour operating near BRANDENBURG recovered a letter written in OCT 77 from a young soldier assigned to an S-60 battery in SCHWERIN to a friend in BRANDENBURG. It read: "Hello Sharik! I decided to write a letter to you. Right now I am located 40 kilometers from PARCHIM in an anti-aircraft regiment. My company is the best one in the regiment. We don't have details anywhere, even in the company. I will be in quarantine until 10 JAN. Now most of my regiment is in SOYUZ rearming. Remaining here are only 150 men. Write me soon. I squeeze your paw. Sergei"



Acting on the assumption that the AAA Regt/94th GMRD, confirmed as S-60 equipped had been reequipped with surface-to-air missiles, probably SA-8, USMLM launched a rail watch program covering the lines into SCHWERIN. The photo appearing on the following page, acquired on 14 JAN, at KAROW, some 40 kilometers east of the SCHWERIN PRA, is typical of the coverage obtained. This was the first ground daylight coverage of SA-8 TEL and associated equipment and confirmed the conversion of the 94th GMRD subordinate AAA regiment to SA-8. Tour personnel: LTC Hilton/MSG Duttlinger.



b. 17 FEB 78: First sighting in GSFG of the BRDM AT-5 SPANDREL, providing additional evidence of Soviet emphasis on antitank weaponry. Tour personnel: LTC Hilton/SFC Germaine.



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c. 04 MAR 78: Observation of major elements of the 148th Arty Bde/34th GAD returning to garrison. A total of 70 of the brigade's 72 M-46 were seen; a complete inventory of the unit's VRN was acquired. Tour personnel: LTC Steger/SGT Raney.

d. 22 MAR 78: Unique coverage of a Soviet combined arms exercise which proceeded through the ZERBST Gap into the ALTENGRABOW PRA. The exercise included ground elements with close-up air support by fighter-bombers and extensive use of helicopters in an air assault role. This observation provided some of our best information to date on Soviet combined arms tactics. Tour personnel: MAJ Kosevich/SFC Germaine.

e. MAR 78: Coverage of a possible East German underground tunnel and storage area under construction in the vicinity of BLANKENBURG, near the West German border. Underground storage areas are always items of considerable interest. Our initial discovery of a tunnel entrance in the area occurred in Autumn 1977; at that time, however, we were unable to determine whether it was a part of a Border Command installation or a railway/highway tunnel. The area contains many natural caves and rock outcroppings. Subsequent ground tours during 1978 confirmed three tunnel entrances, occupation and construction by EGA units and the initial phases of sealing off the area through security forces and OFF LIMITS signs. Although we were able to follow progress of construction, no tour was able to get close enough to explain the nature of this interesting complex in the immediate vicinity of the border. Tour personnel: MAJ Evans/SSG Roach; LTC Naab/SSG Tiffany/SGT Sells.



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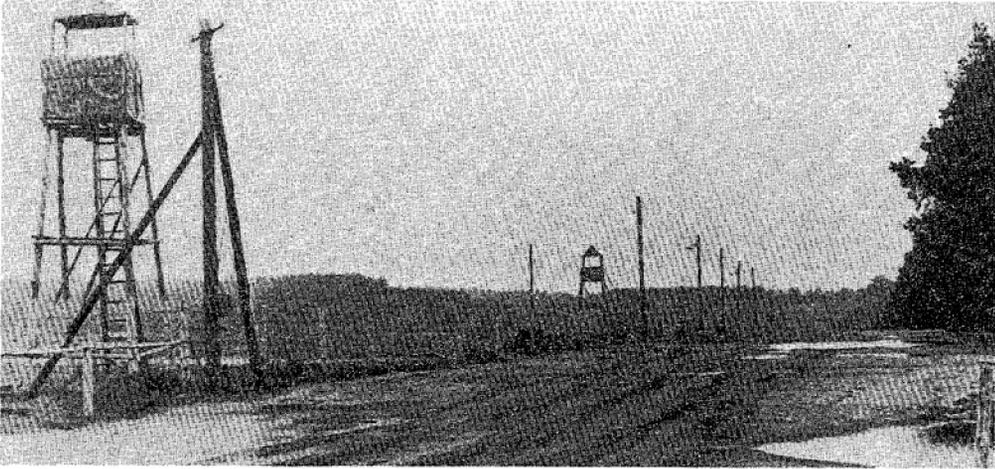
f. JUN 78: Monitoring of the introduction of T-64 into the 10th GTD inventory and the accompanying retrograde of the division's T-62. This upgrade of armor in the POTSDAM local area was reported extensively by several tours, most notably LTC Benning, LtCol Reilly, LTC Naab, SSG Tiffany and SSG Roach.



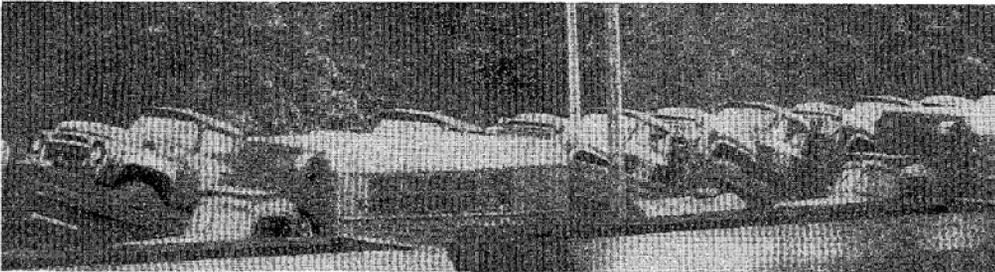
g. JUN 78: Photos at the top of the next page, showing a vacated harvest staging area vicinity NEUSTRELITZ and out-loading of a harvest support unit at the NEUSTRELITZ rail siding, provide examples of the comprehensive USMIM coverage of the 1978 GSFG harvest support program. For more detailed reporting of this coverage and an assessment of its significance, see paragraph IIB3b following. Tour personnel: MAJ Goff/SSG Tiffany.

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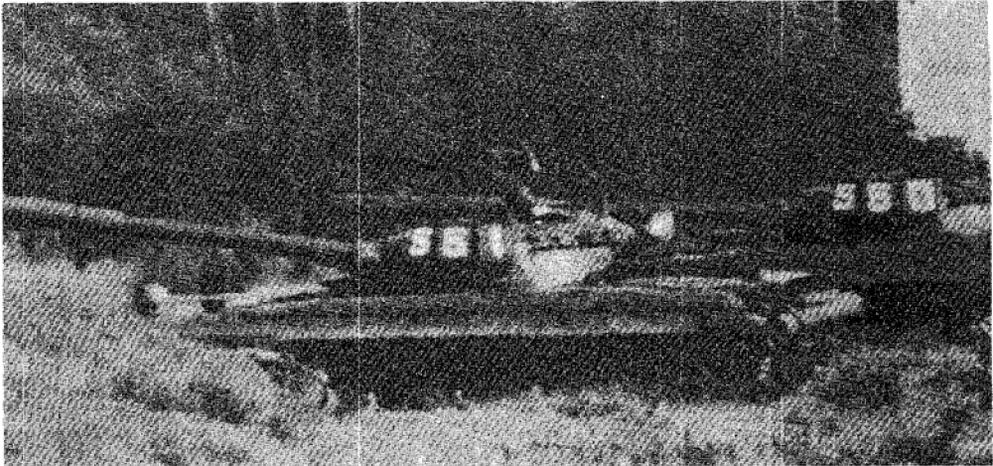
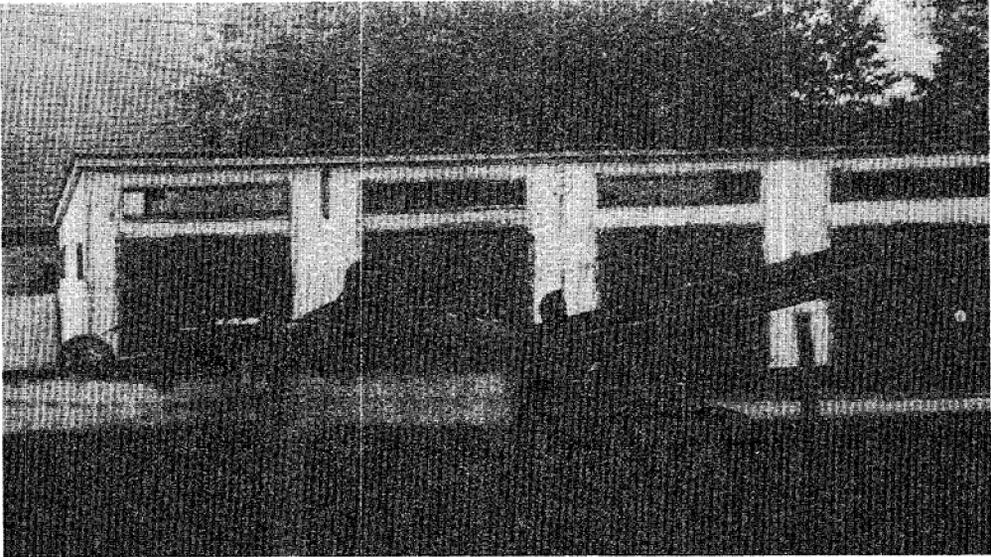


h. JUN 78: Observations of new T-64 tanks at HAGENOW Installation 261, PERLEBERG Installation 241 and at the LUDWIGSLUST, JAENNERSDORF and PARCHIM Training Areas confirmed the reequipping of 21st MRD with T-64. (See photos next page) Tour personnel: LTC Hilton/SSG Roach.



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i. 02 JUN 78: Coverage of river crossing operations at the Soviet ELBE River crossing site near ELSTER-GALLIN. Tour personnel: LTC Kerr/SFC Germaine.

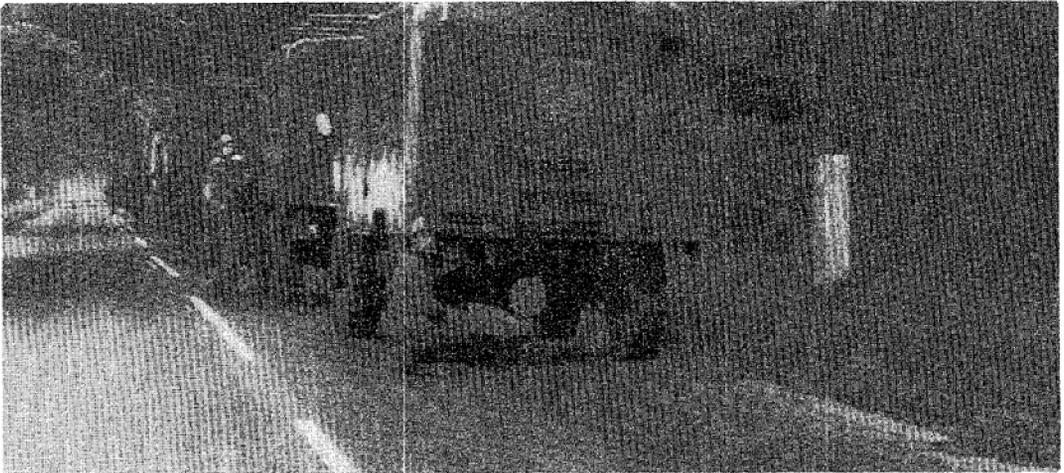


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j. 06 JUN 78: Confirmation of Soviet use of two sets of VRN for a single unit. The problem of attempting to identify a Soviet unit by the VRN or license numbers used on its wheeled vehicles is a perennial one. Establishing direct associations between specific units and VRN is a difficult enough task; the Soviets seem to do all they can to further complicate matters. We know from SANDDUNE documents, for example, that units are issued at least two different VRN series and one alternate, and that changes are directed by HQ GSFG, in accordance with a Soviet Ministry of Defense order dated 1962. The last known VRN change occurred in 1973. The two photos following show a Soviet convoy caught 'red-handed' in the act of changing VRN plates. The tour which caught the column in the act of changing plates was able to return a few minutes later to photograph the same vehicles with their new numbers. Although the VRN's were changed, the individual vehicle numbers (the second number set of the VRN) remained the same. Both sets of numbers indicated direct subordination to HQ GSFG; USMLM files associate the original number set with probable elements of the GSFG mobile command post. Several plates with different VRN on the front and rear have been recovered in the past by USMLM tours; similarly marked VRN plates are often observed on Soviet wheeled vehicles. Tour personnel: LTC Naab/SGT Sells.

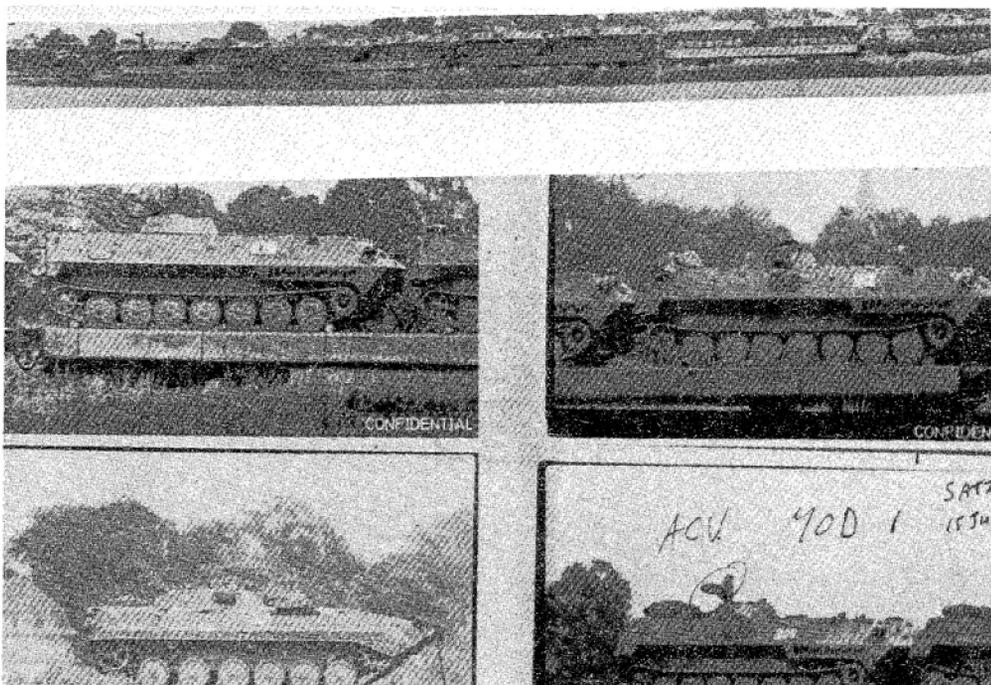


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k. 15 JUN 78: Comparative photography of ARCV, M1974, Models 1, 2 and 3, together with SMALL FRED and 152mm SP Guns, M1973, was acquired at the SATZKORN rail siding. Tour personnel: 1LT Berner/SSG Tiffany.



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1. 02-10 JUL 78: Coverage of a Soviet multidivision exercise moving into the JUETERBOG, ALTENGRABOW and LETZLINGER-HEIDE PRA's. Working around the boundaries of TRA's linking the above mentioned PRA's, the three Missions nibbled at the edges of this, the largest GSFG exercise of the year. A post exercise police of bivouac sites led to the identification of the majority of exercise participants and confirmed the 39th GMRD and the 94th GMRD as principal participants. Among debris recovered from bivouac sites were a corner reflector antiaerial radar device and quantities of discarded CBR protective equipment, leading to speculation that GSFG troops were receiving new items of CBR equipment, to include a new mask.

m. 22-23 JUN 78: Photographs of Soviet artillery and small arms training posters at HAUFELD Training Area 401. Everything from "soup to nuts" about the Soviet D-30 gun howitzer was recovered in photography of more than 20 detailed training posters. One small arms poster listed a new AK series assault rifle and RPK machine gun, both using 5.45mm ammunition. This was the first information acquired by USMLM suggesting the presence of these new weapons in GSFG. Tour personnel: LTC Kerr/SGT Sells.



1-Е СПЕЦИАЛЬНОЕ УПРАЖНЕНИЕ

(выполняется по особому указанию)

СТРЕЛЬБА С МЕСТА И ИЗ ОГНЕВОГО СООРУЖЕНИЯ ПО ПОЯВЛЯЮЩИМСЯ ЦЕЛЯМ

Цели:

БЕГУЩАЯ ФИГУРА (мишень №8) — применяется для подразделений охраны пулемет (мишень №10А) — применяется для всех других подразделений: цель появляется днем на 30 сек., ночью на 40 секунд.

ДВЕ ГРУДНЫЕ ФИГУРЫ (мишень №6) на фронте 3 м появляются два раза (с промежутком 10-20с) днем по 15с и ночью по 20с. Промежуток между показом целей — 10-80с.

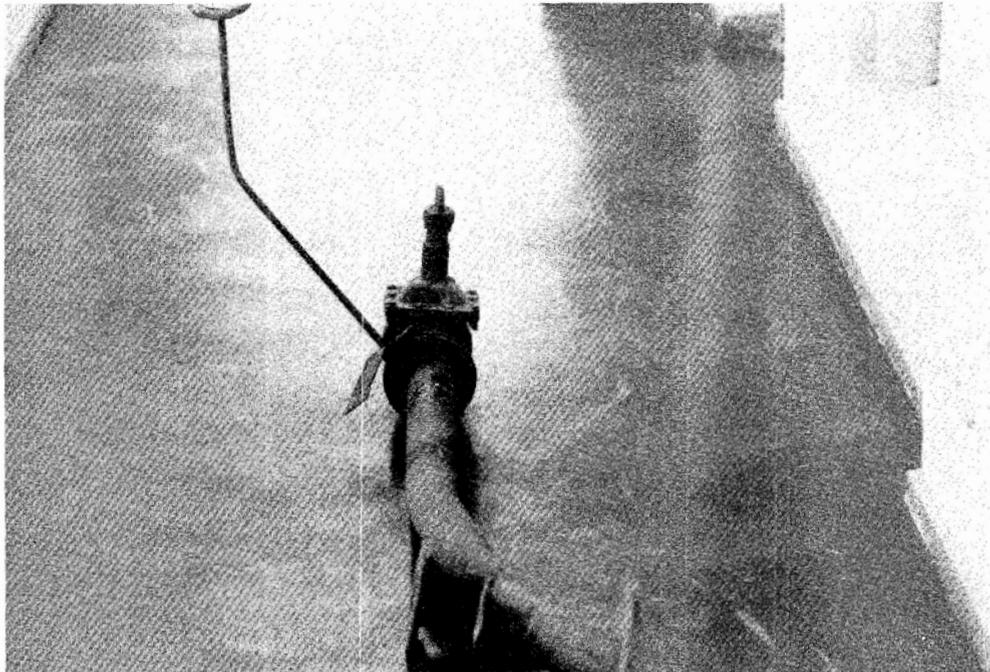
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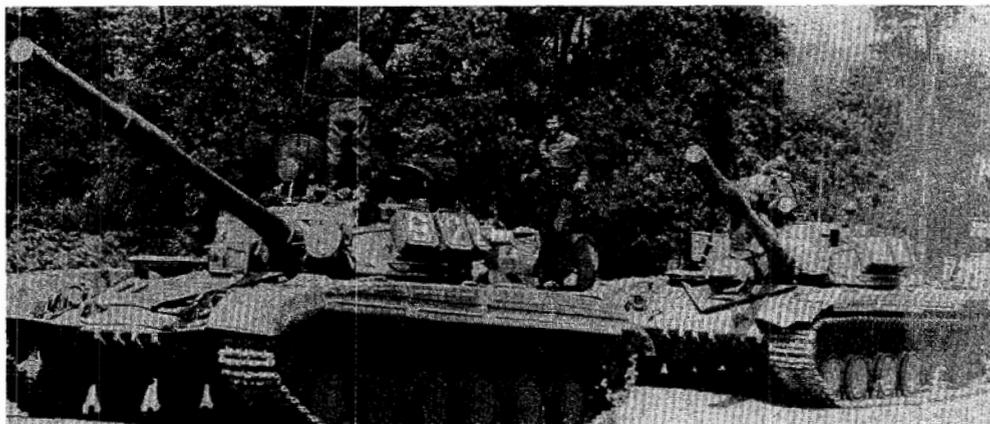
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n. 25 JUL 78: Recovery of a large quantity of pipe and military pipeline related documents associated with the U/I GSVG Pipeline Brigade at HOHENBUCKO. This trash haul was a bonanza of technical manuals, equipment inventories, pipe fittings, valves and main line pipe from this unique Soviet logistics unit. Tour personnel: LTC Naab/SFC Germaine.



o. 01 AUG 78: Technical quality color photography of T-64 optical sights, driver's hatch windshield and dust cover assembly. Tour personnel: LTC Benning/SSG Roach.

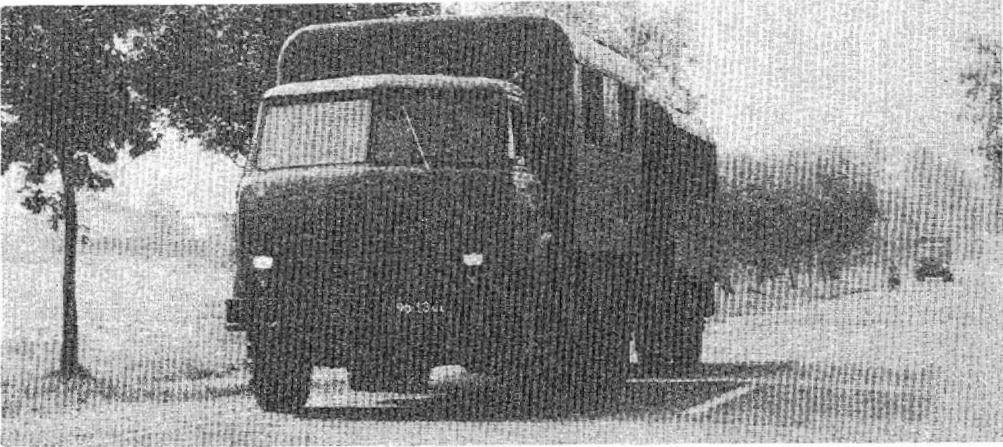


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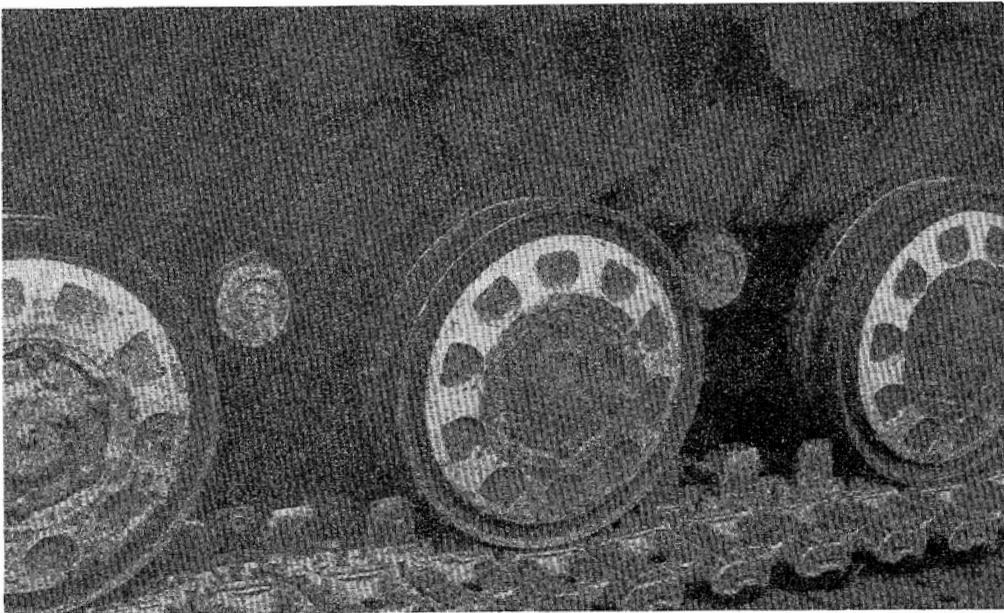
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p. 07 & 16 AUG 78: Quality photography of infrequently seen MAZ-500 BBV. Tour personnel: LTC Kerr/SFC Germaine; LTC Benning/SSG Tiffany.



q. 03 SEP 78: Technical quality photography of the suspension system, main gun, gunner's and commander's hatches and a possible exhaust located on the rear hull of a damaged T-64. Tour personnel: 1LT Lundgren/SFC Germaine.



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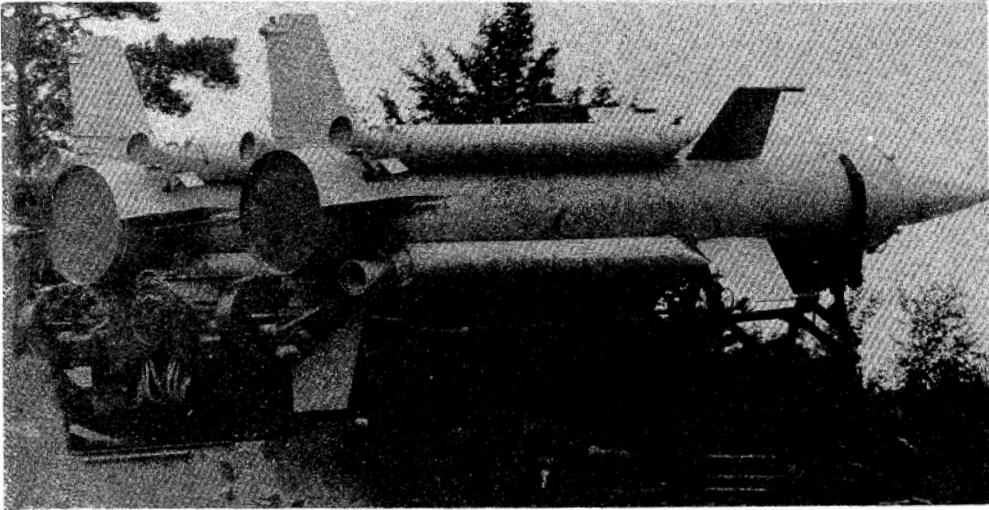


r. 17-23 SEP 78: Detailed coverage of a joint Soviet/EGA two-division exercise. Approximately once a year, GSPG and the EGA stage a multidivision joint exercise to demonstrate the solidarity of the Warsaw Pact and their ability to fight together. This year's exercise, as observed by the three Missions, was rather modest, involving only the Soviet 16th CTD and the East German 7th ID in a move along parallel axes from the JUETERBOG PRA through the ALTENGRABOW PRA into the LETZLINGER-HEIDE PRA. Mission tours covered it closely throughout, aided by the failure of the Soviets to declare a TRA. The results were some of the best insights into Soviet East German battlefield interoperability, or rather the lack thereof, that we have so far obtained. During the exercise, a tour composed of LTC Hilton, CPT Montgomery and SGT Raney confirmed the presence of the SA-9 in the East German inventory; LTC Kerr and SFC Germaine observed a simulated nuclear explosion, apparently part of the exercise; and tour teams composed of LTC Benning and SSG Tiffany and MAJ Kosevich and SFC Germaine acquired detailed order of battle data and information leading to identification of major participants.

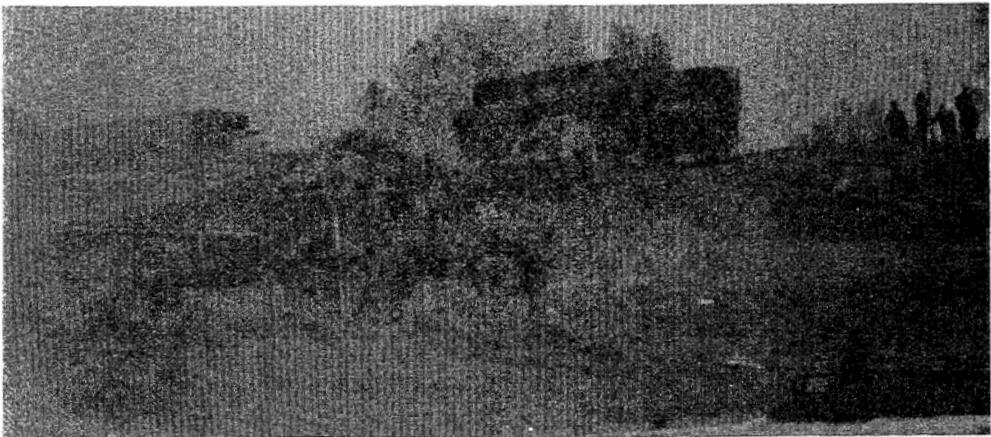
s. OCT 78: East German 07 OCT Parade. USMLM coverage of parade-associate activity concentrated on movement to and from staging areas, in an effort to identify participating units, and on photographing equipment in staging and practice areas. The coverage provided information concerning TO&E changes in these units; good photography of equipment was also obtained, for example, the photo below, acquired by CPT Montgomery and SFC Germaine.

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t. 02 OCT 78: Prolonged, close range coverage of an EGA river crossing operation at MOCKRITZ. The tour managed to stay in the exercise area for virtually an entire day before being discovered and chased away. The result was a "by-the-numbers" description of an EGA regimental river crossing exercise. Tour personnel: LTC Hilton/SGT Raney.

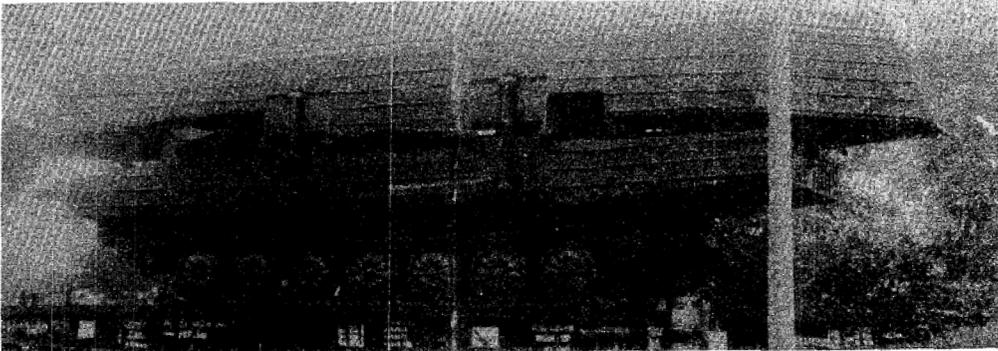


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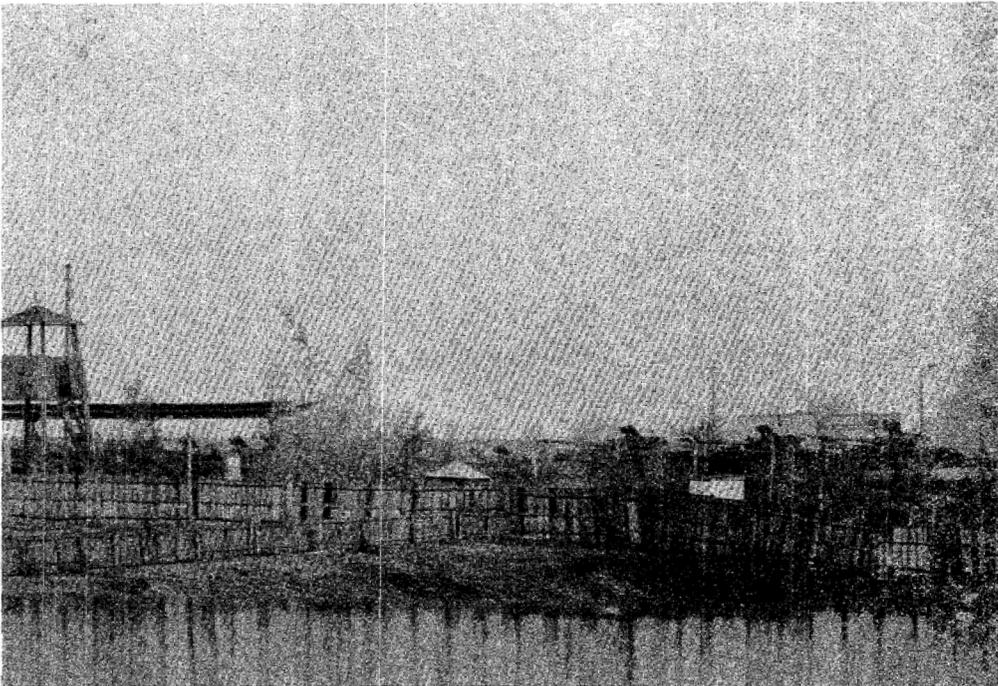
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u. 15 OCT 78: Acquisition of a complete set of equipment records for two EGA GSP returning to East Germany after a complete rebuild in Poland. The tour "found" the documents lying on the seat of the unlocked cab of one GSP. Tour personnel: LTC Benning/SSG Roach.



v. 27 OCT 78: Confirmation of T-64 in the 25th TD. After a series of tours directed against training areas and installations of the 25th TD, T-64 were observed and photographed in over-the-wall coverage of PRENZLAU Installation 242, confirming the introduction of this new tank into the division. A few nights later, 25th TD T-62 were observed on the rail line leading to FRANKFURT/ODER, presumably for retrograde to the USSR. Tour personnel: LTC Hilton/SSG Martin/SSG Roach.

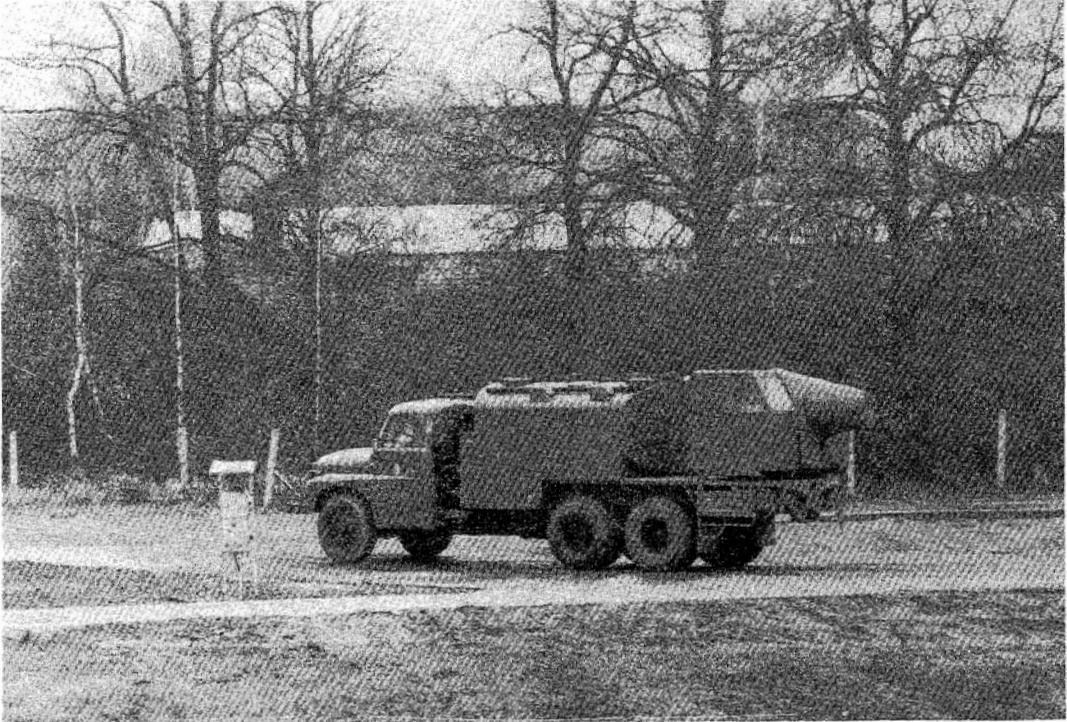


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w. 22 NOV 78: First time observation and photography of a new East German decontamination vehicle, the TZ-74, at BAD DUEBEN. Tour personnel: LTC Hilton/SGT Sells.



x. 26 NOV 78: First time observation of 152mm SP Guns, M1973, at NEU-STRELITZ rail siding, suggesting assignment of this weapons system to the 16th GTD. Tour personnel: COL Stovall/SGT Raney.

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3. Features:

a. SANDDUNE: USMLM's document recovery program continued to provide some of the best intelligence information concerning GSFG. Under the overall guidance of the Ground Production Officer, MAJ Goff, the value of the program has been greatly enhanced by the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Giles to the position of SANDDUNE coordinator and the services of several on-loan Russian language translators. Officers from the US Army Russian Institute at GARMISCH spend a two week TDY "translator's holiday" at USMLM working on recovered documents. The arrangement is good training for the new FAO's and good business for USMLM. In addition, other translators, primarily Russian language qualified NCO's from HQ US ARMY FIELD STATION BERLIN, translate SANDDUNE documents. Efforts of the above mentioned personnel resulted in a reduction in processing time for recovered documents and significantly enhanced the value of the SANDDUNE product. Material of particular interest recovered during the year included:

- 1) 18 JAN 78: Two handwritten notebooks containing detailed information on the technical characteristics and specifications of the Mi-4 HOUND.
- 2) 21 JAN 78: A handwritten training notebook outlining in detail the role of artillery reconnaissance and providing technical information concerning the periscope artillery sight (PAS) and the stereo rangefinder.
- 3) 24 MAR 78: A synopsis of reports containing information on the GSFG ethnic breakdown. Analysis of the material revealed that approximately 72% of the troops in GSFG are of Russian, Ukrainian or Byelorussian descent; in the Soviet Union, these three ethnic groups make up 76% of the total population. The remaining 24% of GSFG is made up of national groups composing approximately 24% of the Soviet population. USMLM was able to document conclusively that Germans, Jews, Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians are, as a matter of policy, not assigned to GSFG; these minority groups make up 4.1% of the Soviet population. While the overall composition of GSFG roughly approaches that of the USSR, with the exceptions noted above, officers, praporshchiks and NCO's are primarily Russians and Ukrainians, based on information contained in the recovered material.
- 4) 26 MAY 78: A manual entitled Directions for Defense of Troops Against Weapons of Mass Destruction, published by the Soviet Ministry of Defense. The manual provided valuable insight into Soviet NBC doctrine and information on the training of personnel in NBC protective measures.
- 5) 05 JUL 78: Lesson plans for an entire year for the ZSU-23-4 platoon of a tank regiment. The information included technical parameters of radar and armament, operating procedures, formations and IFF measures and provided insights into the tactical operations and capabilities of the ZSU-23-4 element of a tank regiment.

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6) 22 SEP 78: A technical manual for the "Radio Station, R-123, Series 05, Model III." The manual contains appendices on antenna configurations with the R-112, as well as a fold-out wiring diagram for the R-125. On the same date, a manual, probably SECRET, describing the mounting and operation of an infrared night vision device, the TVN-1, was recovered. The manual covers the general construction and technical characteristics of the TVN-1, as well as related operational data.

7) NOV 78: The Soviet NBC reconnaissance operations training poster shown below was recovered by LTC Hamilton.

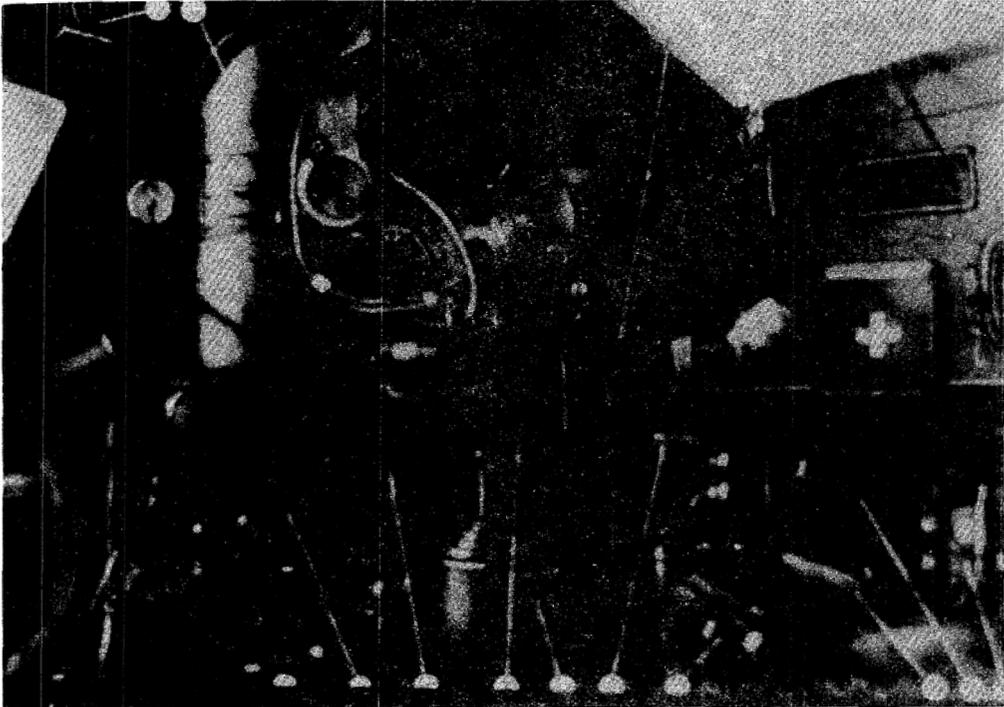


8) 11 NOV 78: Detailed information on the in-service educational program for GSFG conscripts and career soldiers. Other data were recovered indicating the existence of a political university for GSFG officers, identified as the "University of Marxism-Leninism" and located in HALLE. The information suggested that ambitious GSFG officers, like their NATO counterparts, must spend a considerable amount of time in night schools or taking correspondence course if they expect to get the next promotion. That the schools and courses are organized and controlled by the GSFG Political Directorate was of particular interest.

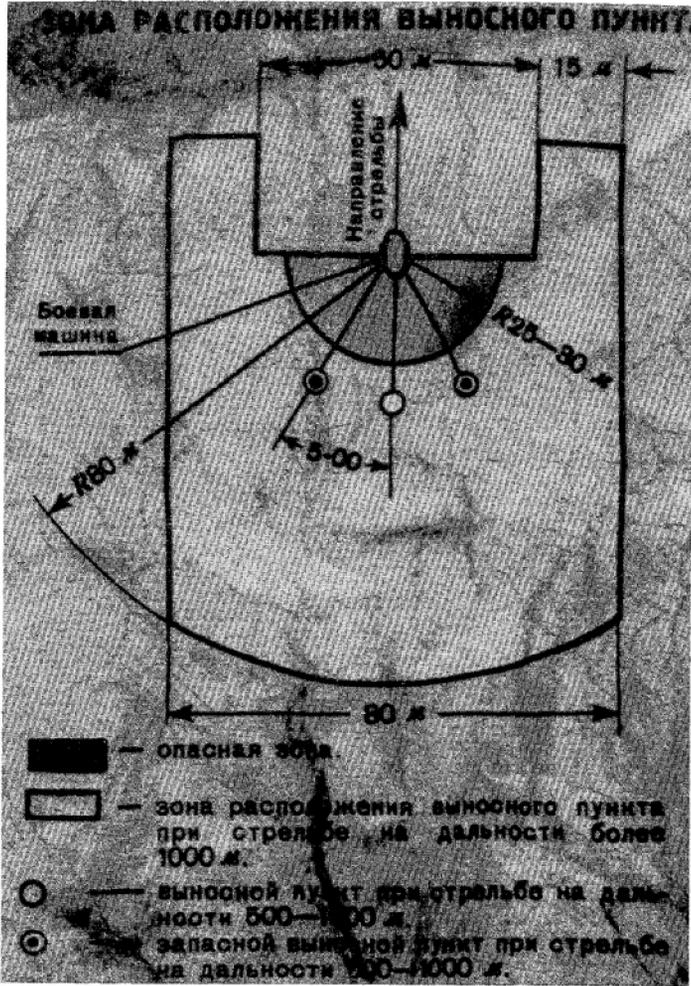
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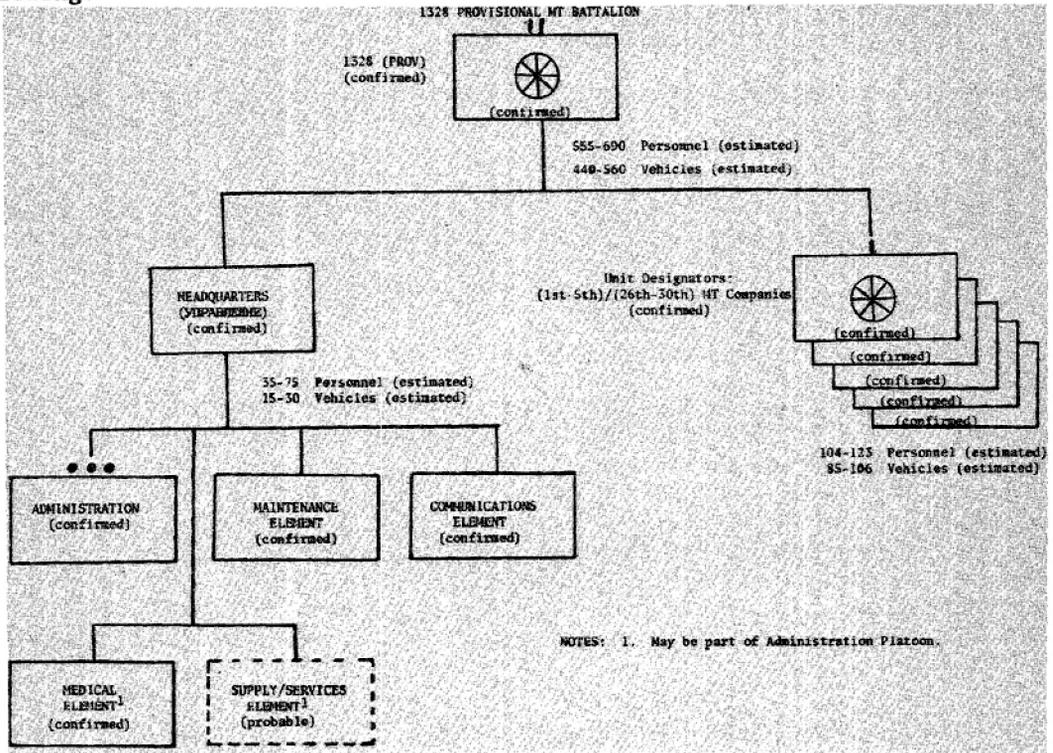
9) Training charts shown below, listing the capabilities and nomenclature of the BRDM SAGGER vehicle and acquired by LTC Hilton, are excellent examples of the value to be gained from the SANDDUNE program.



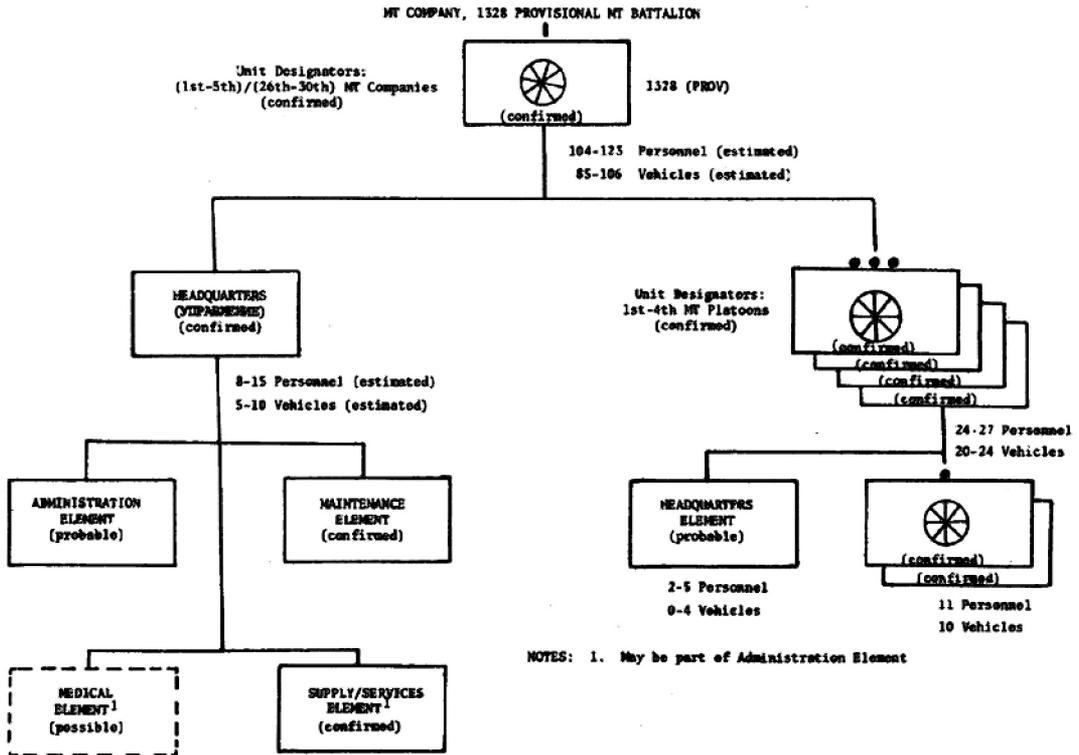
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b. GSFG Harvest Support to the USSR. Several very comprehensive reports on Soviet harvest support in 1978, notably those of MAJ Goff, provide a much better idea of the nature and extent of this borrowing of troops and vehicles and of its impact on GSFG. MAJ Goff's extensive and detailed report on the 1328th MT Bn (Provisional) (Harvest Support), composed of assets of NEUSTRELITZ based units, provided the best information. The report covered the initial appearance of the unit on 26 MAY at the NEUSTRELITZ harvest support staging area, its 30-day period of extensive organizational and maintenance activities and its departure during the period 23-29 JUN 78. A great deal of the information contained in MAJ Goff's report consisted of on-site observations; highly significant information was acquired, in addition, by a careful and thorough police of the harvest support staging area subsequent to the unit's departure. Information acquired included: unit designation; commander; harvest support vehicle marking system; length of time spent in preparatory stage and living conditions in the staging area; techniques for selecting, motivating and disciplining personnel; attitudes of individual soldiers toward the duty; GSFG parent units furnishing vehicles, equipment and personnel to the battalion; mechanical condition of, and maintenance required for, assigned vehicles; fuel consumption norms for harvest support duty; squad and platoon TO&E's; nationality, party/Komsomol affiliation, educational level, date of birth, date of conscription, duty position and assigned vehicle of personnel assigned to various subelements of the 1328th; and scheduled departure dates, direction of travel, transshipment point and ultimate destination of the battalion. Organization of the battalion and subordinate units is as shown in the two charts following.



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Tentative conclusions arrived at as a result of MAJ Goff's efforts and other information acquired during coverage of the 1978 harvest support program include:

a) Each provisional MT battalion consists of a headquarters element and five MT companies, for a total of 550-700 troops and 400-560 vehicles.

b) Each MT company comprises 105-125 troops and 85-105 vehicles.

c) Each platoon is made up of 24-27 troops and 20-24 vehicles.

d) Each of the 21 divisions in GSFG, to include the 34th GAD, sends, as a minimum, one provisional MT battalion to the USSR for harvest support. Estimates as to personnel and equipment lost to GSFG for several months in 1978 as a result of this program are: 12,000-15,000 troops and 10,000-12,000 vehicles with a lift capability of 30,000-35,000 metric tons. Effects upon GSFG's combat posture are exacerbated by the need for planning for, and carrying out, movement of the provisional battalions and requirements for pre- and post-harvest maintenance. The majority of vehicles returning from the USSR show evidence of extraordinarily hard usage and require extensive repair and renovation.

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c. Installation Coverage: Last year in the History, one section referred to "routine installation coverage." Coverage of Soviet and East German installations is indeed done by USMLM on a routine basis, according to a master matrix designed to insure periodic coverage of all installations in the GDR. This activity, however, is anything but routine in nature. In the litany of things a tour has to do - covering columns, rail watching, trashing, exploring a bivouac site - covering an installation is often the hardest. It requires a great deal of planning, much patience and luck, and sometimes a lot of nerve and self-composure, especially when a precision approach and execution are required. Every tour officer has his own way of doing it. Some like the predawn twilight, others visit at night using the infrared goggles and still others like high noon when they feel there's a chance of going unnoticed in the bustle of midday activity. Of course, everyone would like to see without being seen, but more often than not there is no convenient OP on a hill behind the back gate. Many "instls." are inside city limits, making the approach seem like running the gauntlet. Often the only recourse open to the tour officer is to drive right up to the fence, jump out and up on the hood or rooftop of the Bronco or Admiral and put the old Nikon on automatic. Then, before things get too inhospitable, the tour will drive innocently away through the back streets and alleyways into the countryside, usually before the garrison can react. "Over-the-wall" is a time-honored method of coverage, practiced by generations of tour officers since 1947. Naturally, it must be conducted with a great deal of care and prior planning. But it is a mark of the professionalism of mission tour teams that less than five percent of our detentions occur at installations, and even these are normally due to terrain-related vehicle immobility or breakdown.

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Armed Soviet Guard Caught Napping at DRESDEN Installation 207 During USMLM "Over-the-Wall" Coverage.

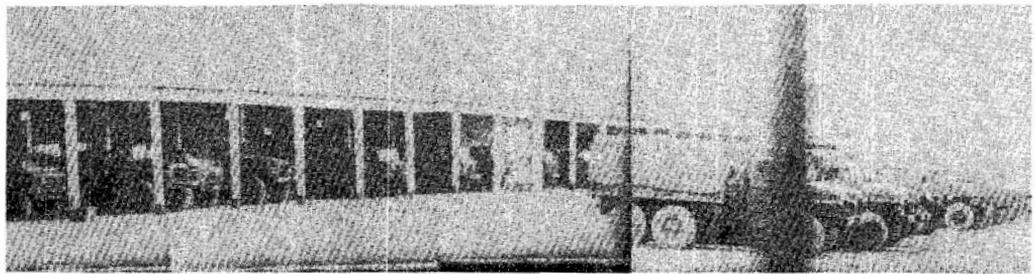
Using the risk versus gain formula all missions live by, installation coverage often appears not to be worth the effort. Many times a tour will go to extraordinary lengths to sneak up on an unsuspecting installation only to find that all the shed doors are closed and there's nothing in the motor park. But at least the tour may have confirmed that the garrison is in or that normal training is underway. That in itself is worthwhile. Happily, this "routine" coverage pays off just as often in harder intelligence. This past year, for example, installation coverage showed considerable expansion or new construction at five East German installations: HOHENMOELSEN, DELITSCH, LAAGE, HAGENOW and BLANKENBURG, again confirming the Volksarmee's determined modernization program. New sheds were seen at NEUSTRELITZ, BERNAU, POTSDAM, ERFURT and FRANKENBURG, indicating new or different equipment coming in to some Soviet and East German units. Installation coverage accounts for a good deal of what is known about the acquisition of new weapons.

Below are some good examples of this important part of mission work and what can be gained from it:

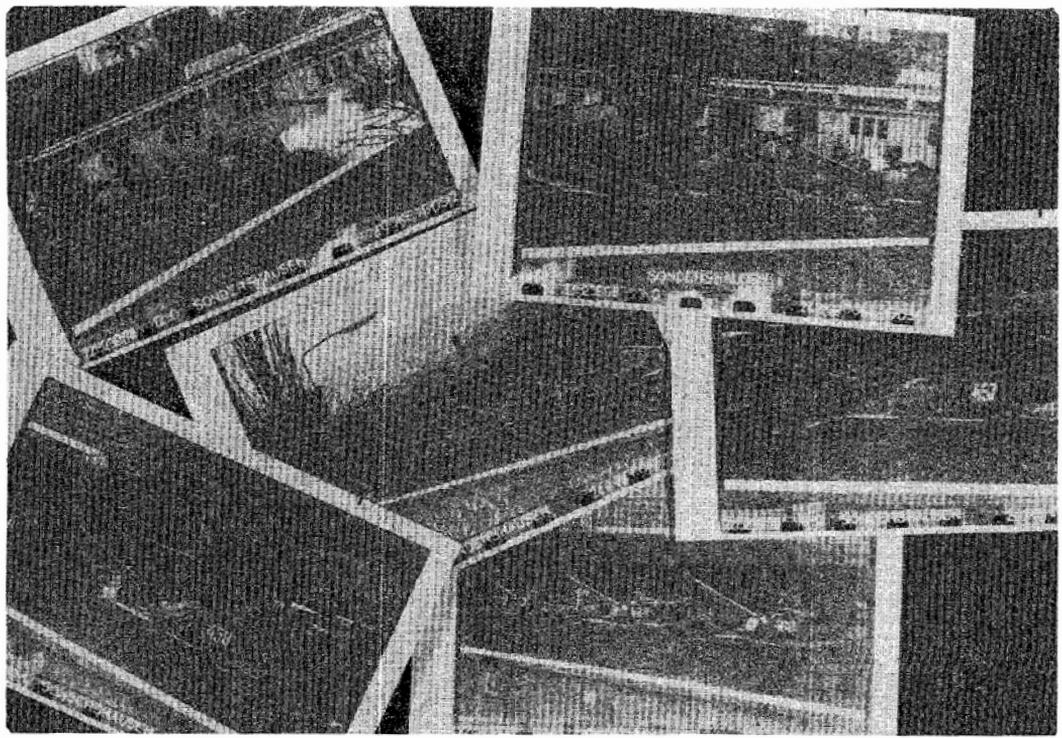
06 APR 78: "Over-the-wall" coverage of KARL MARX STADT Installation 241/242. This installation houses the new Soviet multiple rocket launcher, the MRL 1977, which the Tri-Missions have been trying to cover since early 1977, when they arrived in GSFG. Security precautions have been exceedingly tough. There have been several chases, one detention and one shooting incident in the vicinity of this installation. All efforts actually to see the new weapon close-up and photograph it without tarping have so far been in vain. However,

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LTC Hilton and SSG Tiffany are to be congratulated for getting the best coverage so far of the inside of the installation. The innocuous shot appearing below belies the difficulty of getting a look inside this sensitive installation. Thanks to their bold approach and photography, a fairly comprehensive picture of the VRN of this important element of the 34th GAD was obtained.

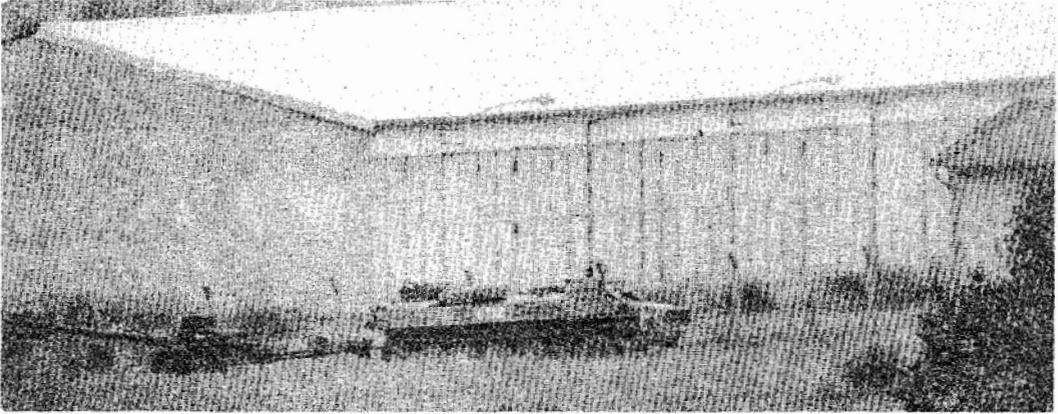


10-17 MAY 78: Excellent "over-the-wall" installation coverage of SONDERS-HAUSEN just as an EGA tank battalion was preparing to move out. Tour personnel: MAJ Evans/SSG Rice.



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21 JUL 78: Confirmation of the presence of the Antitank Battalion/4th MRD and of ZSU-23-4 at BAD SALZUNGEN Installation 001. Tour personnel: LTC Steger/SSG Roach.

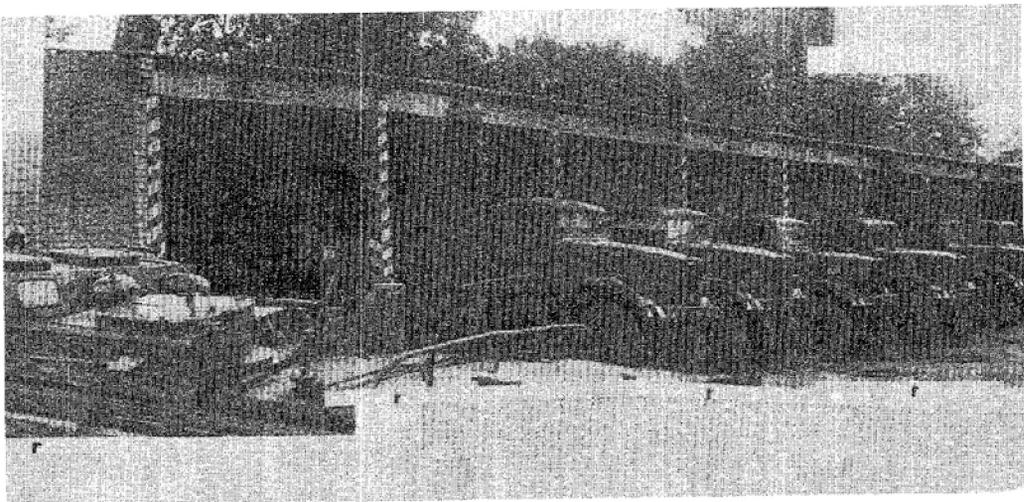
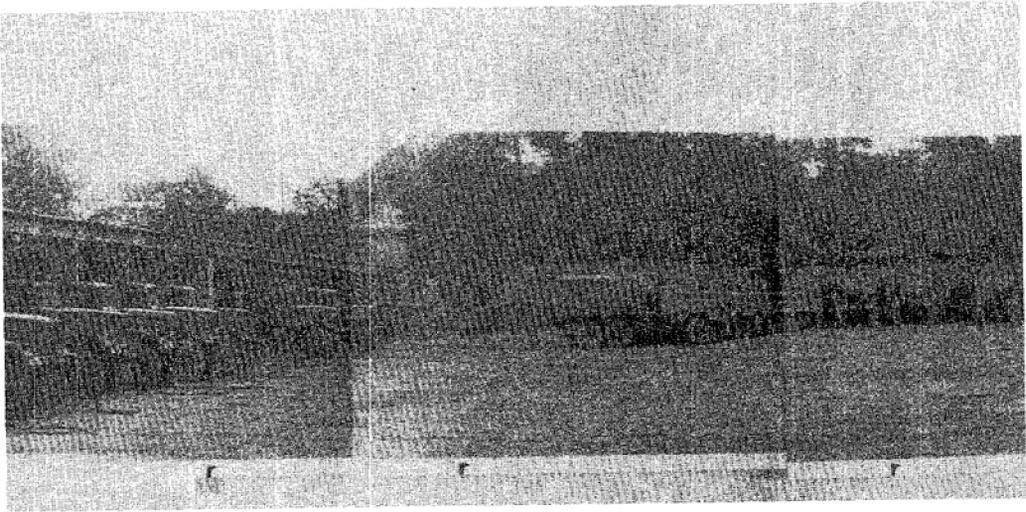


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11 JUN 78: "Over-the-wall" at one of the most difficult targets, Installation 207, in the middle of DRESDEN. Tour personnel: MAJ Goff/SSG Tiffany.



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d. Route Reconnaissance for V and VII Corps General Defense Plan (GDP):
Early in 1978, USMLM completed a major GDP project for V Corps. USMLM ground tours reconnoitered 49 routes in the V Corps area of responsibility of the GDR with the purpose of identifying interdiction points along possible avenues of approach, major highway and railroad bridges and intersections, possible underground facilities, etc. Points of potential interest along each route were identified by map inspection and tours were targeted against the route in general and these specific points. Tours took panoramic photos of the selected points and of any other areas of potential interest. Other items they were tasked to report on were: stream depths, floodplains, bridge structures, (support) parallel trails, terrain trafficability and possible assembly areas for regimental size units.

The feedback on the project was excellent. V Corps planners are using the information in support of GDP planning. High evaluations were received from USAREUR logistics analysts who recognized the worth of this project in terms of evaluating Soviet capabilities to reinforce and supply.

An idea of the extent of USMLM involvement in the V Corps project is expressed in the figures below:

IR's Produced:

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| FIRST: | 04 | 20,000 photo prints |
| SECOND: | 05 | 25,000 photo prints |
| TOTAL: | 09 | 45,000 photo prints, plus 200 feet of 8mm film |

A similar project for VII Corps is nearing completion.

C. (C) AIR COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:

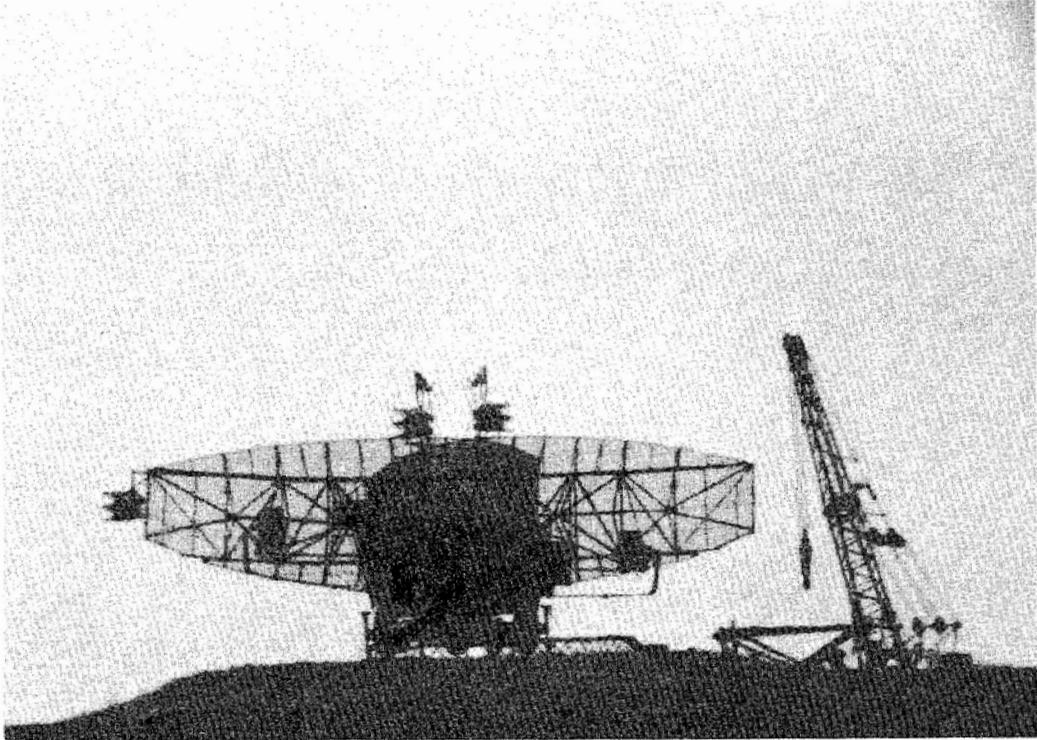
1. General. Throughout 1978, the Air Division observed the continued upgrade of equipment in the Soviet and East German armed forces:

a. The 16th TAA significantly enhanced its ground attack capability with the deployment of the new AT-6 SPIRAL ATGM-equipped HIND D, modified, at PARCHIM. Another indicator of increased emphasis on the ground attack role noted in 1978 was the equipping of FLOGGER D with the four barrel, 12.7mm Gatling gun in a gun pod. A large scale passive defense program is apparently underway as part of the general upgrading program within the 16th TAA: observations of camouflaged fighters and fighter-bombers, to include FISHBED J, FISHBED K, FLOGGER B and FLOGGER D, were acquired; the Air Division also reported observations of camouflaged BREWER D and E, the reconnaissance versions of the BREWER aircraft. At Soviet Air-to-Ground Gunnery/Bombing Ranges, the following ordnance was observed: 16-shot and 32-shot 57mm rocket pods; 16-shot 80mm rocket pods; gun pods; AS-7; AS-7, modified; AA-1; AA-2; AA-7; AA-8; practice bombs; 240mm unguided rocket; flare bombs; and flares. All FITTER models have been observed with ECM pods; at BRANDIS, 80mm rocket pod equipped HIND D have been seen. The L-29 MAYA was observed in four ground attack fighter regiments; the TEMPLIN-1 ground attack regiment now possesses the FITTER E, a two-place version of the variable geometry FITTER. In electronic developments, the Soviets are apparently continuing their established practice of adding newer equipment to radar sites, rather than simply replacing older equipment: The SPOON REST D, for example, has been added to the inventory of several GDR/FRG border EW/GCI sites already possessing the SPOON REST A/C. In contrast to their normal practice, however, the Soviets have replaced the LONG TRACK A with the LONG TRACK D at two EW/GCI sites.

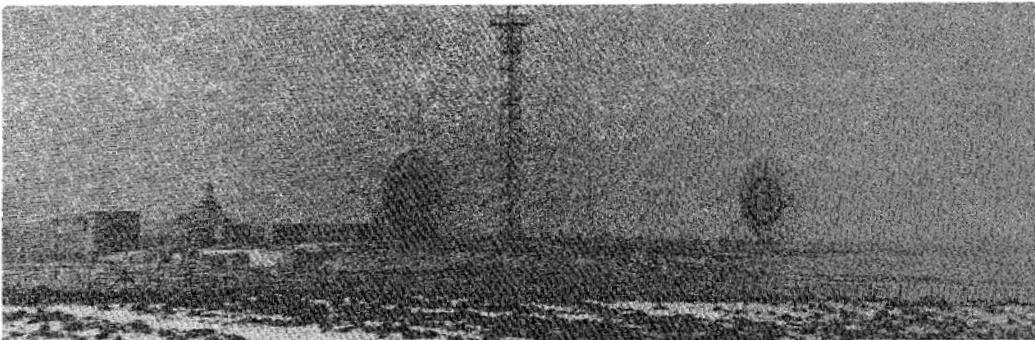
b. The East German Air Forces (EGAF) received two new weapons systems: The FLOGGER B and the export version of the HIND D. The HIP F squadron reached full strength early in the year; both the HIND D and the HIP F are assigned to BASEPOHL. Another significant EGAF development was the replacement of the L-29 MAYA by the L-39 ALBATROS as the primary jet trainer at BAUTZEN Airfield. The EGAF air defense capability has been enhanced by the addition of the SPOON REST D early warning radar. Potentially the most significant event of 1978 was the integration of East German air defense facilities into the Warsaw Pact Air Defense Net. This system now includes the most sophisticated electronic warfare radar and the ODD PAIR height finder radar which became operational in 1978 at ROVERSHAGEN and at SPOTAU/DIELSDORF. Target data acquired by these sites are transmitted to BENTWISCH and GROSS-OBRINGEN, respectively: relay by TWIN DISH from these stations is to COELPIN and to KACKROW. Subsequently, information is sent to EGAF headquarters at STRASSBURG. The MERCURY GRASS provides the probable communications link between the East German and Soviet air defense systems. Other significant electronic warfare developments include: Establishment of additional BEE HIVE sites and replacement of the obsolescent COIN GRASS by the CATS PAW, the latter improving command, control and communications capability.

2. Significant Accomplishments:

a. 05 JAN 78: First time photography of the BACK TRAP outside the USSR; first time photography of BACK TRAP and ODD PAIR in East German hands; photographed at SPROTAU/DIELSDORF. Tour personnel: Maj Stockreiser/SMSgt Spitzenberger; Capt Benedict/MSgt Fisher.



b. 05 JAN 78: Photography of a new TWIN DISH communications link between GROSSBRINGEN and PAULUSBERG. Tour personnel: Maj Stockreiser/SMSgt Spitzenberger.

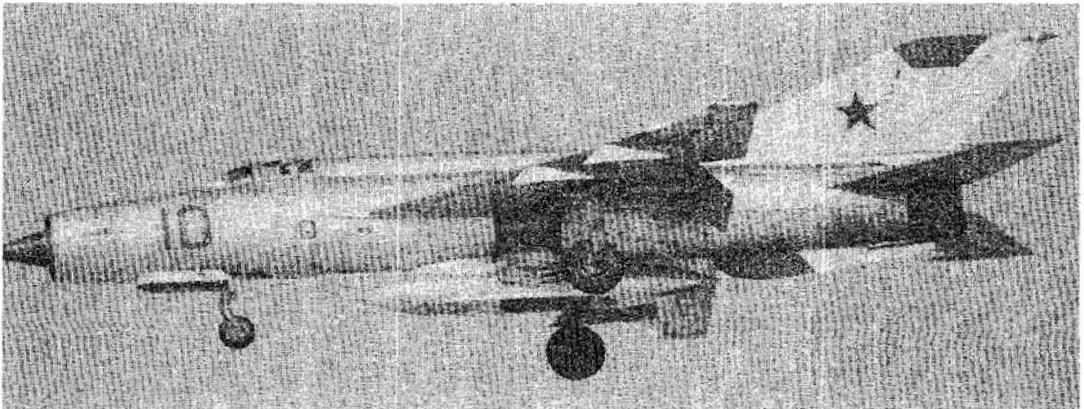


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c. 12 JAN 78: Photography of an unidentified pod, subsequently identified as a new gun pod, on FINSTERWALDE FLOGGER D aircraft. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/MSgt Fisher.



d. 30 MAR 78: Completion of a study of FISHBED H pods, analyzing data acquired during the period 1975-1978. Preparing personnel: Maj Stockreiser/MSgt Fisher.



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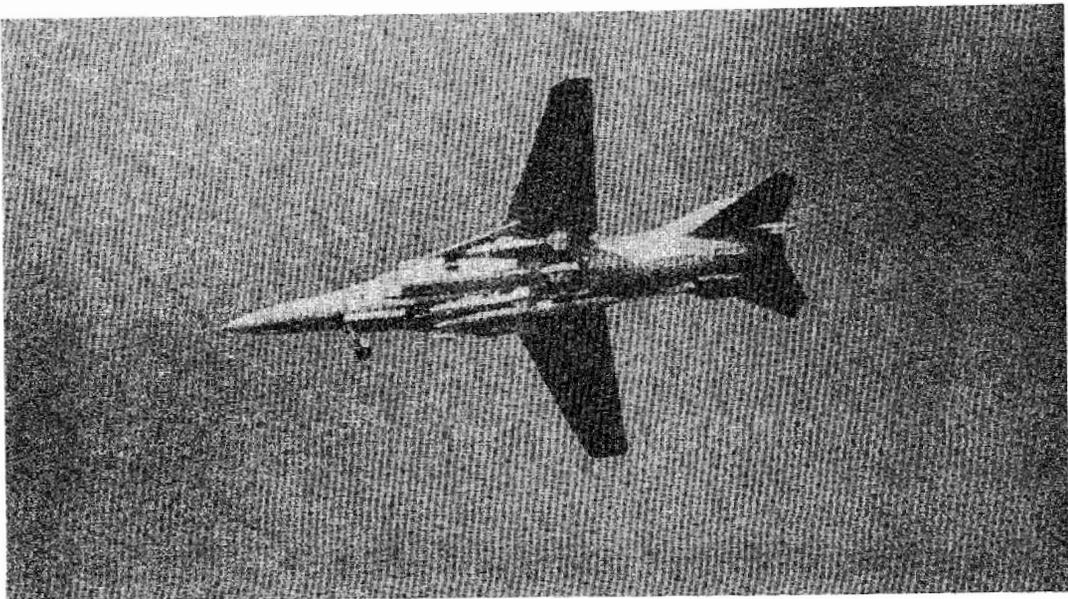
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e. 29-31 JAN 78: Observation and photography of a HOOK deployment to DEMMIN-TUTOW Auxiliary Airfield. Tour personnel: Maj Boyette/MSGT Fisher.



f. 27 FEB 78: Observation and photography of a deployment of FALKENBERG FLOGGER aircraft, all armed with live missiles. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict SMSgt Spitzenberger.



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g. 16-18 MAR 78: Coverage of the LEIPZIG Spring Trade Fair resulting in seven IR's responsive to levied ICR's and CIR's. Tour personnel: LtCol Tonge/Capt Benedict.

h. 07 APR 78: First time observations of BRANDIS HIND D in air-to-ground attack training at BELGERN Soviet Air-to-Ground Range. Tour personnel: Maj Boyette/MSgt Pennock.

i. 25 APR 78: Detailed technical quality photography of a new air traffic control radar, subsequently identified as the AVIA D. Tour personnel: LtCol Tonge/MSgt Fisher.

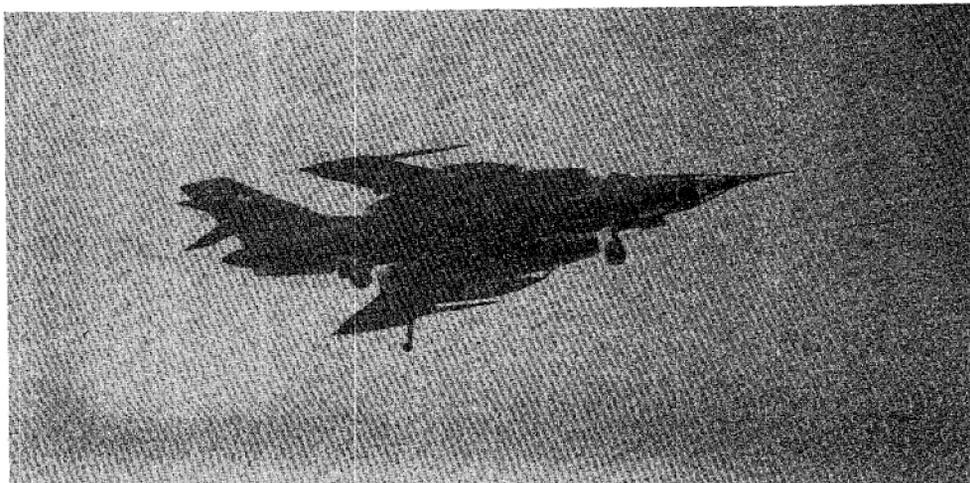
j. 12 MAY 78: Technical quality photography of the BACK TRAP and ODD PAIR at ROVERSHAGEN East German radar site. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/MSgt Fisher.

k. 22-26 MAY 78: Observations of an air show at GADOW-ROSSOW Soviet Air-to-Ground Range, to include firing of SWATTER by HIND D and firing of the ASM, modified, TASM and the S-24 rocket. Tour personnel: Maj Boyette/MSgt Fisher.

l. JUN 78: Production of Radar and Helicopter Handbooks completed. Preparer: Maj Boyette.

m. 20 JUN 78: Observation and photography of FISHBED deployment at LUCKAU. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/SSgt Falco.

n. 21 JUN 78: First time observation and photography of camouflaged BREWER D and E. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/SSgt Falco.



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o. 05 JUL 78: Close-up photography of the OEM-2 Rangefinder in use with possible AT-4 FAGOT ATGM. Tour personnel: Maj Stockreiser/SSgt Falco.



p. 06 AUG 78: Observation and photography of three VIEWPOINT at ZELLA MEHLIS, a high count for this high interest item. Tour personnel: Maj Penrod/MSgt Pennock.

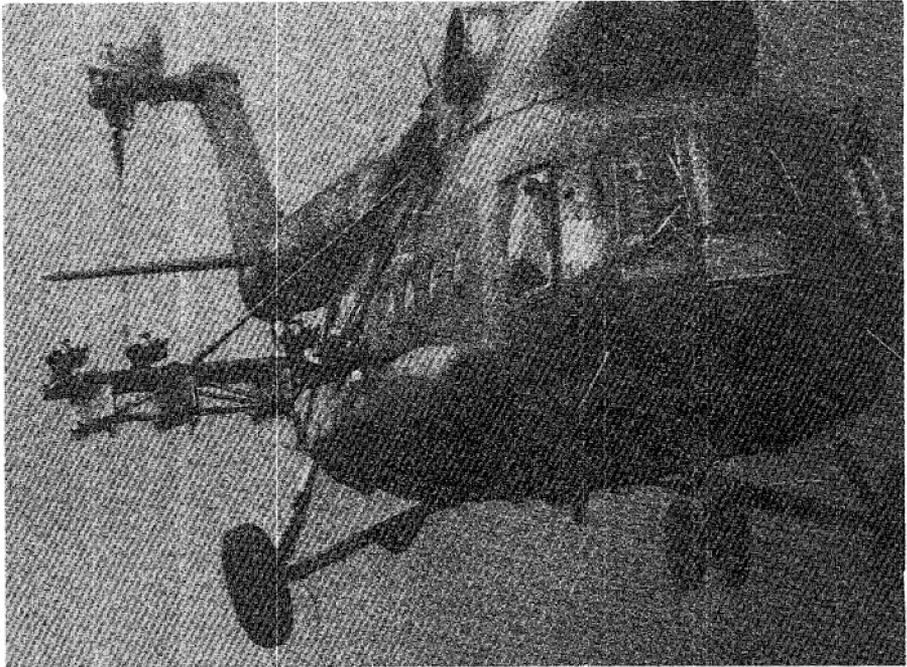
q. 06 SEP 78: First time observation and photography of EGAF HIND flying program at BASEPOHL (photo below); first time photography of HIP F sighting device (photo next page, top). Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/MSgt Pennock.



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r. First observation and photography of the newly introduced HIND D (PARCHIM Variant) at RETZOW. Tour personnel: Maj Penrod/MSgt Pennock.

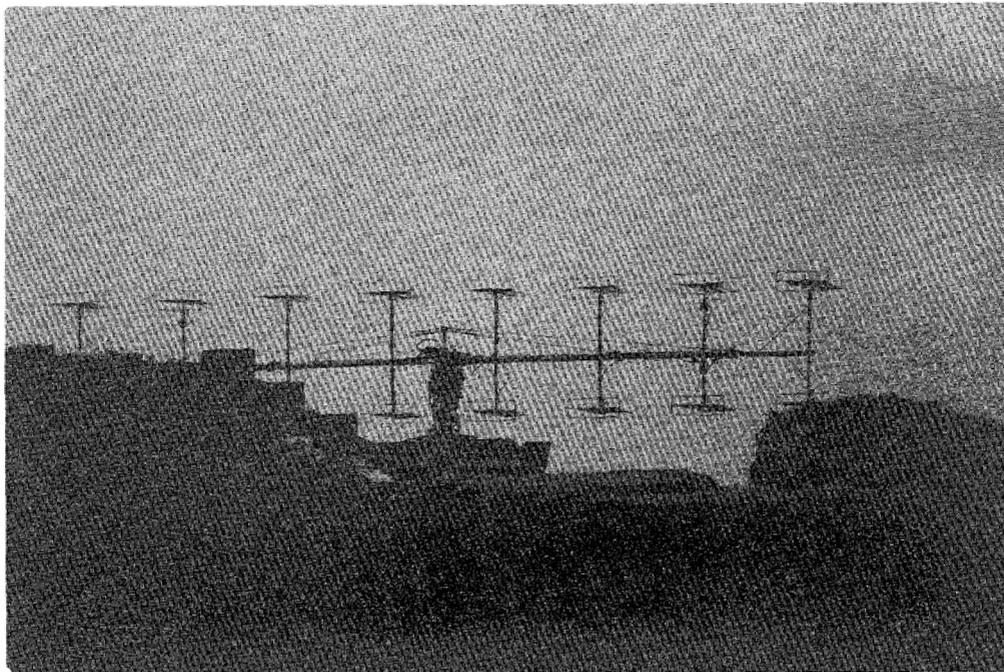


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s. 19 SEP 78: First observation and photographic confirmation of SPOON REST D in the East German inventory. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/MSgt Pennock.



t. 20 SEP 78: LEIPZIG Fall Trade Fair coverage resulting in eight IR's. Tour personnel: Maj Penrod/Lt Col Tonge.

u. 26 OCT 78: First time observation and photography of camouflaged FITTER D and E; coverage obtained during a flying program at GROSSENHAIN. Tour personnel: Capt Benedict/SSgt Falco.

v. 24 NOV 78: Observation of a number of camouflaged FLOGGER B; indicating for the first time conversion of air defense aircraft to this paint scheme. Tour personnel: Lt Col Tuite/MSgt Pennock.

w. 21 NOV 78: Observations confirming replacement of LONG TRACK A by LONGR TRACK D at Soviet radar sites along the GDR/FRG border. Tour personnel: COL Stovall/MSgt Pennock.

x. 30 NOV 78: Completion of the Electronic Warfare Handbook. Preparer: MSgt Fisher.

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D. (C) JOINT COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:

1. General. a. Joint Division, supplemented by three enlisted personnel from ODCSI, USCOB, is responsible for USMLM participation in Project LARKSPUR, a USMLM/ODCSI USCOB joint intelligence information collection program covering the BERLIN Control Zone (BCZ), a circle with a 20-mile radius, centered on BERLIN. Warsaw Pact forces garrisoned within the LARKSPUR area of operations include: One Soviet tank division (TD), one Motorized Rifle division (MRD), one Motorized Rifle regiment (MRR) and one tank regiment (TR) from a second MRD, two brigades from the 34th Gun/Arty Div (GAD) and two MRR of the EGA 1st MRD, as well as ECM, signal and Border Command Central (BCC) units of interest, two military airfields and the East German civilian SCHONEFELD AFLD. LARKSPUR coverage of the BCZ is scheduled for every third day, weather permitting.

b. LARKSPUR enjoys one advantage over other USMLM collection program: free access to installations of interest and the consequent opportunity for continuous monitoring of these installation. Disadvantages include a greater dependence on a favorable weather conditions, an inability to remain for long periods near a target and an inability to bring back documents or materials a la SANDDUNE.

c. As did those of other collection projects, LARKSPUR observations indicated that 1978 was a year of reequipping and upgrading of GSFG and EGA forces; no observations were acquired suggesting the introduction of new or modified major items of equipment. Rather, the trend was toward a proliferation of equipment whose introduction was reported in previous years. Examples of this proliferation include: fleshing out of the 35th MRD SA-8 regiment and acquisition of the SA-8 system by the 6th GMRD; confirmation of a minimum 10 USAREUR Type 4090, with four variants, within the 57th Recon Bn/35th MRD; acquisition of the 152mm SP Gun, M1973, in probable battalion strength, by the 299th Arty Regt/10th GTD; presence of BMP, M1976, in reconnaissance elements of all three GSFG divisions garrisoned within the BCZ; continuing assignment of BTR-60PA CMD vehicles to regimental SPAA/SA-9 batteries; the increase in the number of APC assigned to all BTR-60PB equipped MRR in the BCZ; and the confirmed presence of the BRDM-2 SAGGER vehicle in the EGA 1st MRD. New and modified equipment observed during 1978 included the SA-8 resupply vehicle, the BMP, M1976 (2), and the BMP, M1978.

2. Significant Observations. LARKSPUR enjoyed several successes during 1978. These successes were in the form of significant observations within the Berlin Control Zone and particularly at Soviet installations. Observations included four variants of the GAZ-66 USAREUR Type 4090 within the 57 Recon Bn/35 MRD; modified ZSU-23-4 within the 10 GTD; a BMP, M1976, with a modified turret housing a probable parabolic antenna also at the installation housing the 10 GTD. These and other significant observations gained by LARKSPUR personnel follow on succeeding pages.

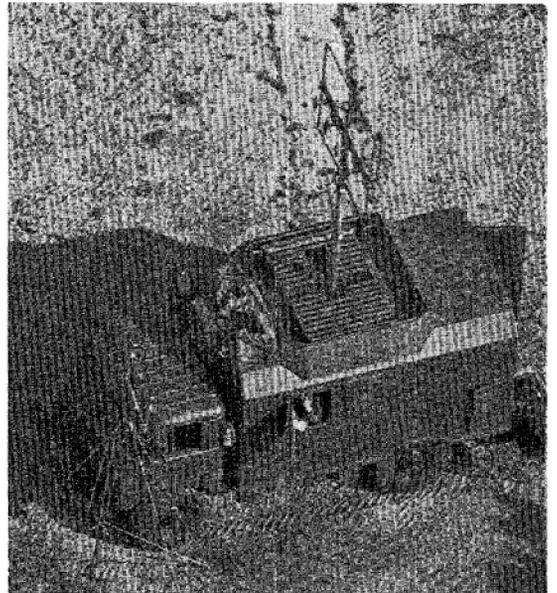
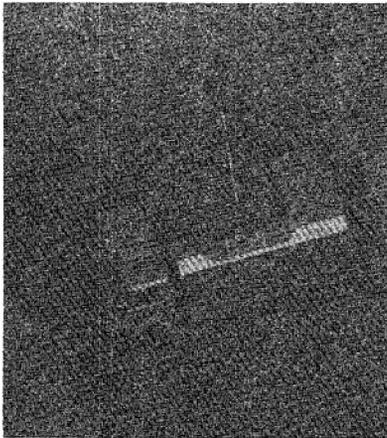
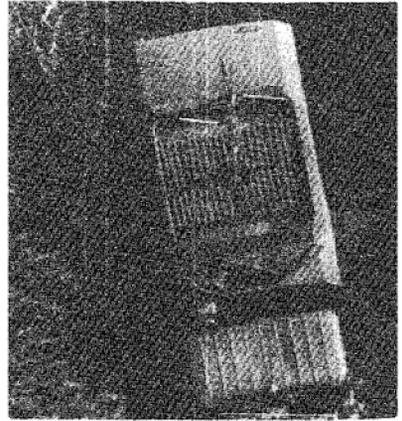
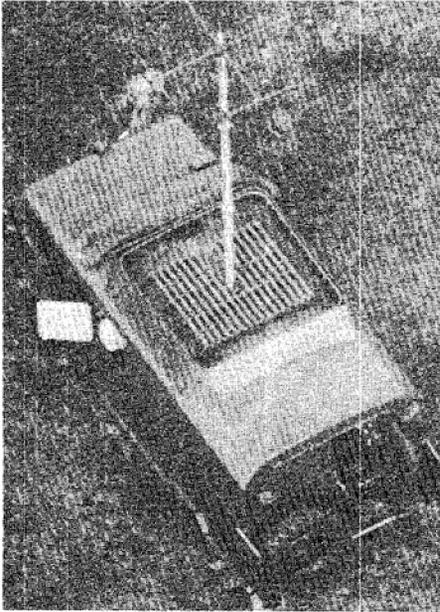
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a. 05 JAN 78. Photo coverage of a probable underground storage site at WERNEUCHEN AFID. Two Mi-6 HOOK were present at the site. Photography revealed extensive exhaust stains on both helicopters, suggesting use for transporting heavy loads. Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/SP4 Tritt.



b. 12 JAN 78. Photography of six USAREUR Type 4090, elements of the 57th Recon Bn/35th MRD. Photography revealed the existence of three, possibly four (subsequently confirmed) variants of this HF/VHF intercept/DF BBV. Imagery on the next page shows, in order of appearance, the following USAREUR Type 4090 variants: TURN SPIKE, TURN CUT, TURN POLE, GRILL TWIST (TURN TWIST and CONES TWIST). Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/CPT Cramerus.

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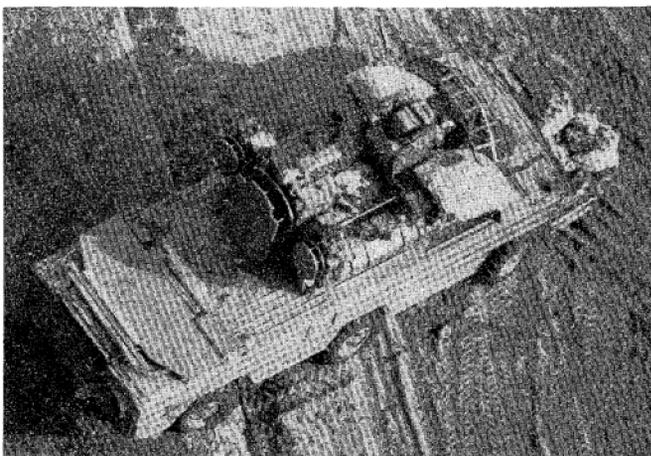
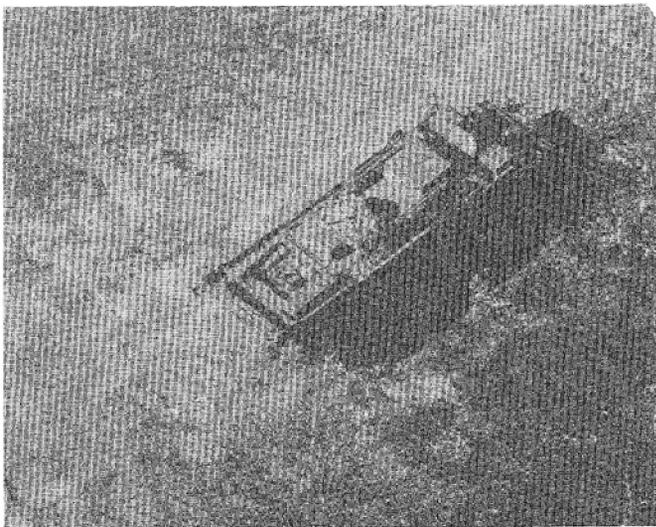
c. 17 JAN 78. Confirmation of the presence of SAGE GLOSS in the 113th Gds Arty Regt/20th GA inventory. Tour personnel: SP5 Seaman/SP4 Cassio.

d. 30 JAN 78. Confirmation of SAGE GLOSS in the 299th Arty Regt/10th GTD inventory. Tour personnel: CPT Cramerus/SP5 Seaman.

e. 12 MAR 78. Technical quality imagery of the GRILL TWIST, USAREUR Type 4090 variant. Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/SSG Benavides.

f. 09-12 MAR 78. Observations indicating retrograde of T-62 from the 10th GTD. Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/CPT Cramerus; MAJ Crutcher/SSG Benavides.

g. 18 MAR 78. Imagery of the SA-8 calibrator/collimator and SA-8 TEL at DOBERITZ TNG AREA 460. Tour personnel: Capt Ducote/SP5 Seaman.

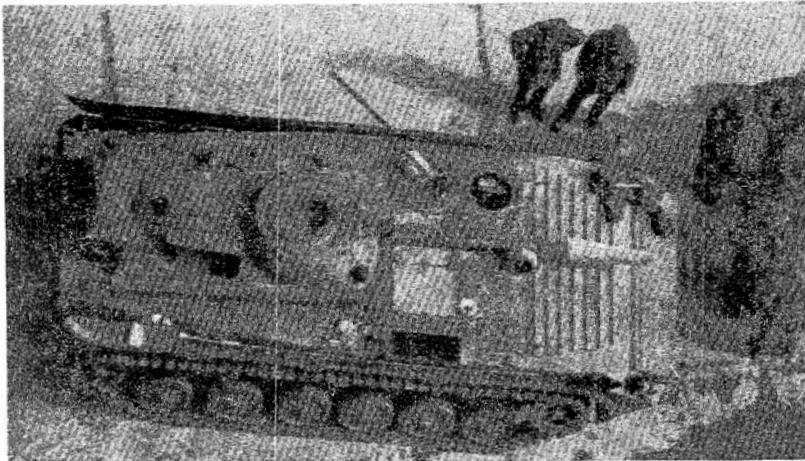


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h. 29 MAR 78. Photography of a previously unreported BMP variant, subsequently designated the BMP, M1978, at DOBERITZ BKS/HQ MRD 275. Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/Capt Ducote.



i. 29 MAR 78, 05 AUG 78. Photography of T-64 main gun ammunition displays suggesting a 37-round basic load, to include 19 HE, 12 AP and six HVAPDS. Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/Capt Ducote; MSgt Diehm/SSG Benavides.

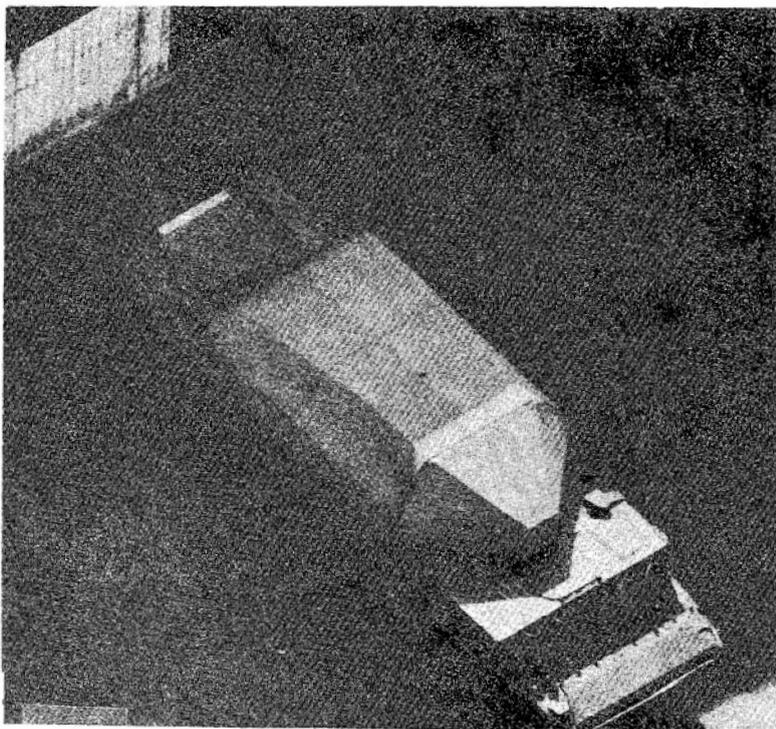


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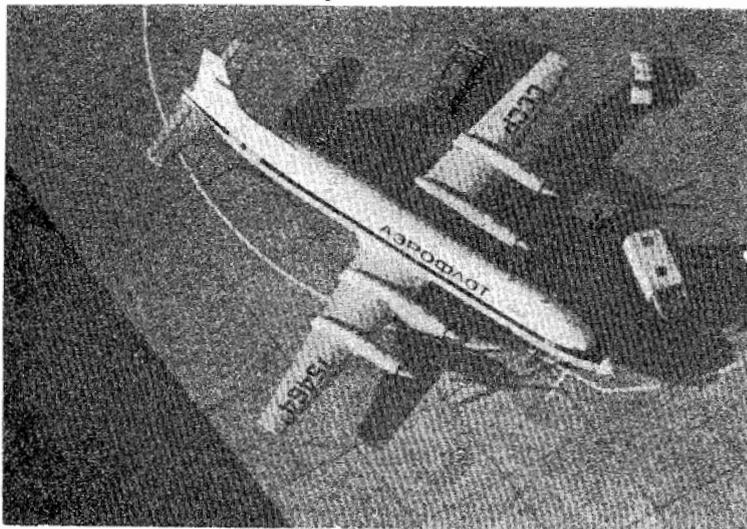
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j. 06 APR 78. Photography of the SA-8 resupply vehicle. Tour personnel: MAJ Crutcher/SP5 Seaman.



k. 04 MAY 79. Imagery of Soviet IL-18 COOT probable communications platform at SCHONEFELD AFLD. Tour personnel: SP5 Seaman/SP4 Wilson.

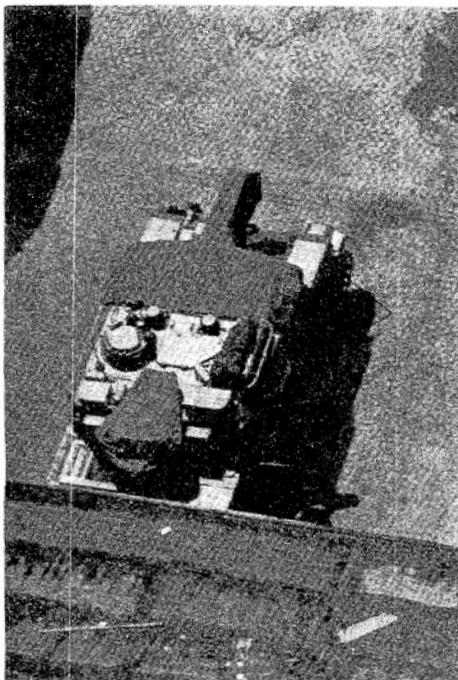


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1. 30 MAY 78. Imagery of modified ZSU-23-4 at KRAMPNITZ BKS/HQ GTD PANZER 261. Tour personnel: Capt Giles/SSG Benavides.



m. 05 JUL 78. Imagery of the SA-8 calibrator/collimator in the operational configuration. Tour personnel: MSgt Diehm/SSG Benavides.



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n. 28 JUL 78. Imagery of five TR-16 BADGER at WERNEUCHEN AFLD.
Tour personnel: SSG Benavides/SP4 Tritt.



o. 03 AUG 78. Confirmation of BRDM-2 SAGGER in 1st MRD inventory.
Tour personnel: MAJ Betit/SP5 Seaman.

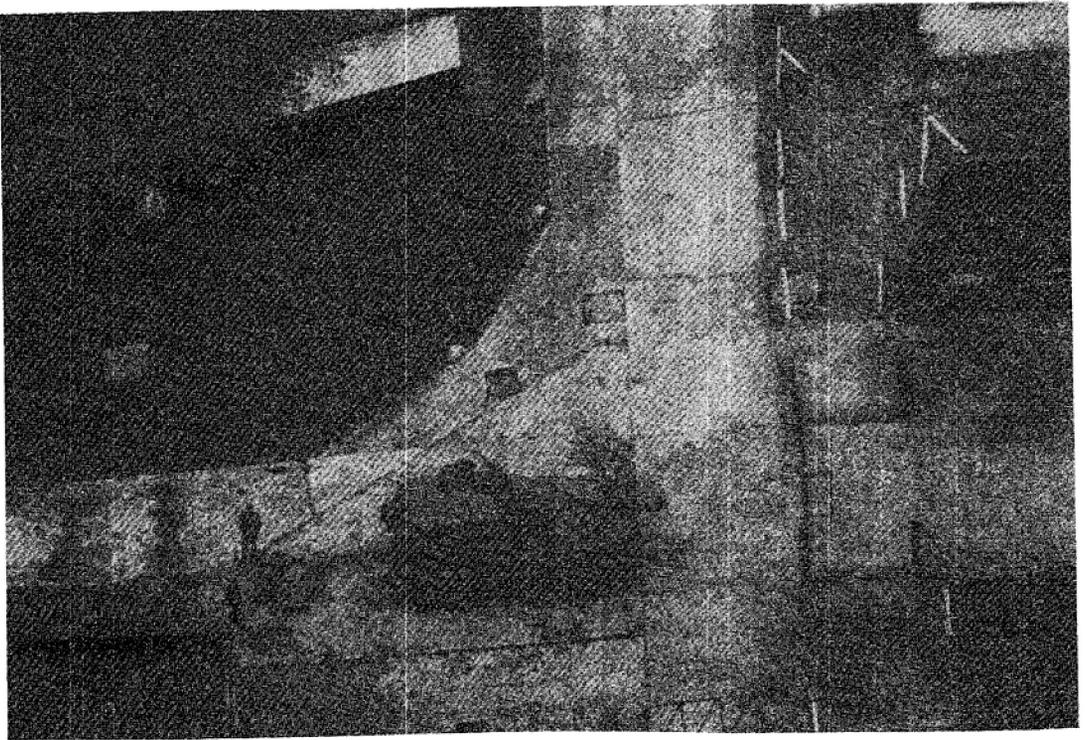
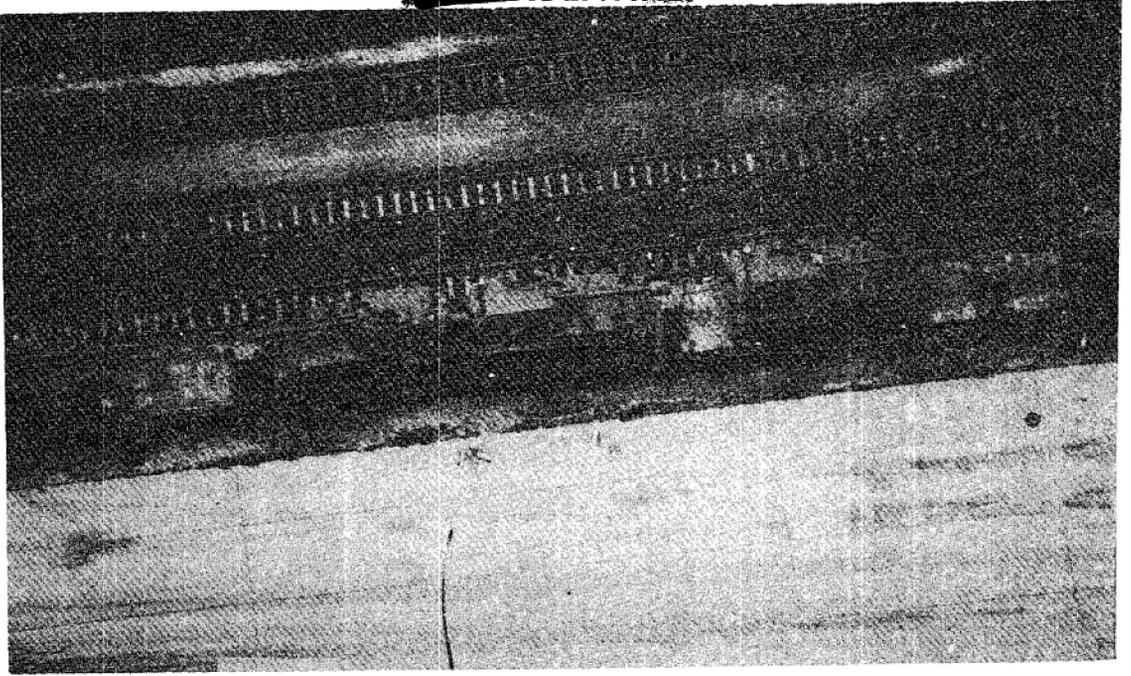
p. AUG-SEP 78. Monitoring and reporting of USAREUR Type 4090/TWIN BOX deployments at DOBERITZ TNG AREA KRAMPNITZ 463 and in the vicinity of SCHONWALDE ARMY BKS LUFTWAFFE 281 and STAHNSDORF ARMY BKS SIEGFRIED 282. VRN acquired indicated subordination to 57th Recon Bn/35th MRD.

q. 01 & 02 SEP 78. Photo confirmed observations of FLAT FACE B and associated operations van and of THIN SKIN and SPOON REST D at BERNAU ARMY BKS PANZER 241, suggesting imminent conversion of the 6th GMRD subordinate AAA regiment to a SAM system (Unit subsequently recieved the SA-8). Tour personnel: SP4 Tritt/SP4 Benn; MAJ Betit/SP4 Tritt.

r. 20 SEP 78, 24 & 27 OCT 78. On the earliest date, nine unnumbered 152mm SP Guns, M1973, were observed on flats at SATZKORN RR YDS, used by the 10th GTD; on 24 OCT, six 152mm SP Guns were observed at POTSDAM ARMY BKS KRIEGSCHULE 288, garrison of the 299th Arty Regt/10th GTD; on 27 OCT, 11 152mm SP Guns were observed at the installation, confirming presence of the weapons system in excess of battery strength within the 299th Arty Regt. (Photos next page). Tour personnel: MAJ Betit/SP4 Tritt; SSG Bailey/SP5 Seaman; MAJ Betit/SFC Benavides.

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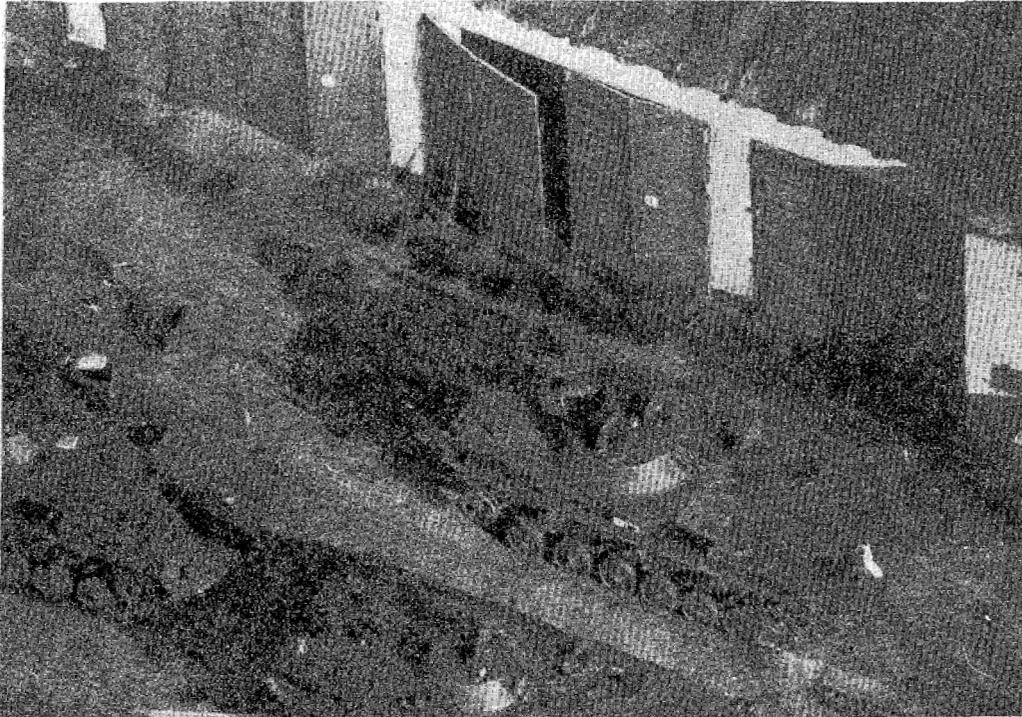


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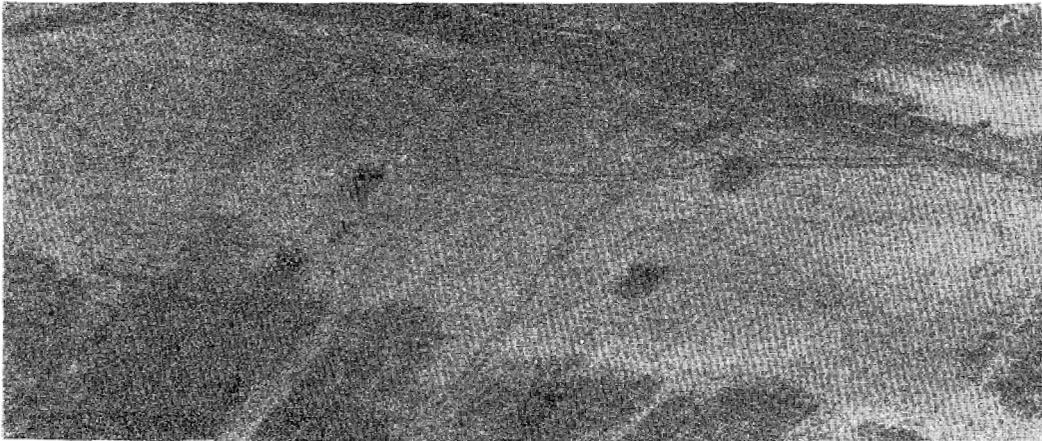
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s. 12 OCT 78. Imagery of a modified BMP, M1976, subsequently assigned the nomenclature BMP, M1976(2), with a probable parabolic antenna organic to the turret, in the inventory of the 10th GTD/3d SA. Deliveries of this modified equipment item to the 35th MRD and the 6th GMRD, both subordinate to the 20th GA, were confirmed at a later date. Tour personnel: MSgt Diehm/SFC Benavides.



t. 04 DEC 78. Photography of a deployment of five BTR-60PA CMD vehicles resembling those seen with SA-8 and regimental level SPAA/SAM units at SCHONOW TNG AREA BERLIN 455, used by the 6th GMRD. Tour personnel: SSG Bailey/SP4 Tritt.



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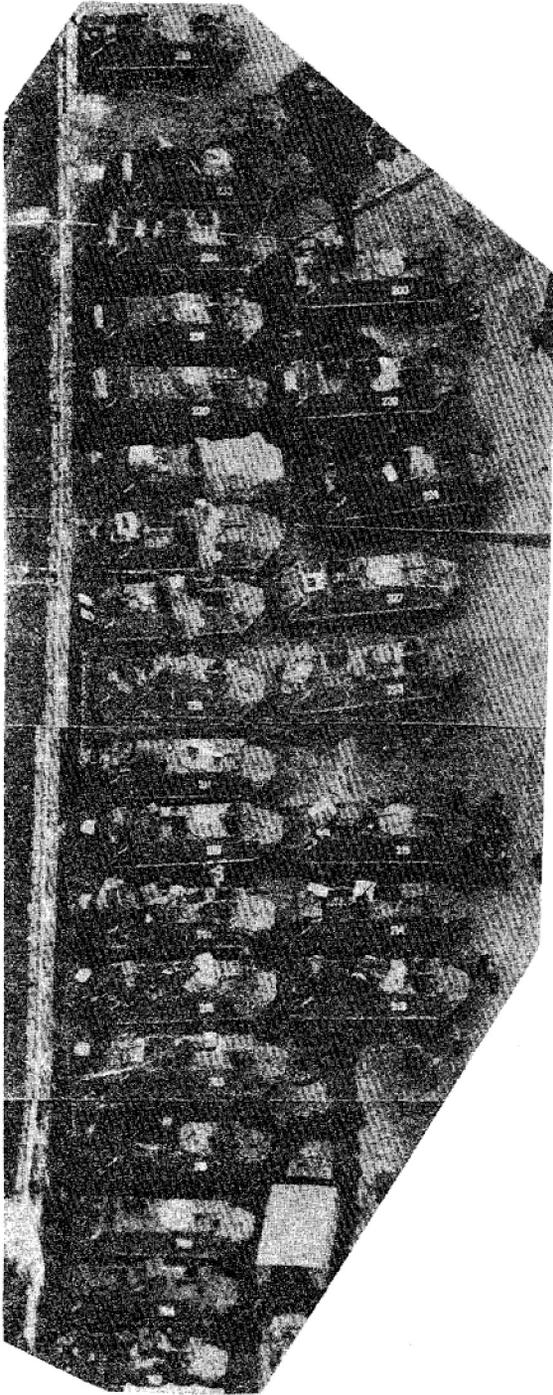
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u. 14 DEC 78. Confirmation of the presence, reported by another agency, of two SA-8 batteries, probable assets of the 6th GMRD, at WERNEUCHEN AFLD. Tour personnel: Capt Mathis/SP4 Tritt.

v. JAN-DEC 78. Continued monitoring of Soviet BTR-60PB equipped MRR within the BCZ led to the conclusion that MR battalions in these regiments have been restructured, with a minimum of 11 BTR-60PB in each MR company vice the 10 previously held and with a battalion support group composed of five additional BTR-60PB, possibly an antitank element. Speculation as to the role of the additional company level BTR-60PB included that of a carrier for a special weapons system. A Ground Division SANDDUNE report (IR 2 215 2760 78) contained material indicating that a similar increase had taken place in units of the 68th GMRR/27th GMRD/1st GTA, garrisoned in HALLE. The panorama on the next page shows BTR-60PB, assets of the 1st Bn/64th MRR/35th MRD, outside storage sheds in DOBERITZ ARMY BXS/HQ MRD 265. Items of interest in the panorama include: the presence of BTR-60PB, side number 201, with vehicles of the 1st MR Co (side number series 210,219) and BTR-60PB, side number 203, with vehicles of the 3d MR Co (side number series 230-239) (This relationship has been confirmed for all nine companies of the 64th MRR) and the presence of five BTR-60PB, all numbered in the 700 series (Five 700 series BTR-60PB have been confirmed for each battalion of the 64th MRR). Similar numbers of equipment and special numbering schemes have been confirmed for the 19th MRR/35th MRD and for the 82d GMRR/6th GMRD.

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

1. Imposition of a TRA denies access to an area or areas normally open to travel by the three Allied Missions. Normally, a TRA links two or more Permanent Restricted Areas (PRA's) and screens exercise areas and access routes.

2. In the past, imposition of TRA's followed a fairly regular pattern, keyed to the GSFG training cycle and associated with periods of extensive out-of-garrison training and maneuver activity. As many as three TRA's were announced each January, the first post rotation month in which significant out-of-garrison training took place. TRA imposition continued throughout the remainder of the winter training cycles, ending in April or early May, with the onset of spring troop rotation. The TRA season began again in mid-June or early July and continued to September-early October, when winter troop rotation began.

3. In 1977, TRA imposition was in accordance with the standard pattern, with TRA'S announced during the period January through September. A significant drop in total number of TRA's was recorded, however. Only eight TRA's were imposed during 1977, in contrast to the 16 in 1976. The decrease led to speculation at USMLM that GSFG was considering abandonment of this protective measure.

4. GSFG's announcement of three TRA's in JAN 78 appeared to give the lie to this speculation. TRA's subsequently appeared in normal numbers and in normal progression through early July, with the appearance of TRA 009-78. Subsequently, however, GSFG imposed no TRA's for the remainder of 1978. As of the date this History was submitted for publication, no TRA's have been imposed in 1979.

5. TRA's imposed during 1978 are listed below; photocopies of TRA maps are in para 6:

TRA NR 001-78, effective dates 18-21 JAN 78, connecting the SCHWERIN, PARCHIM, WITTSTOCK and TEMPLIN PRA's.

TRA NR 002-78, effective dates 18-25 JAN 78, connecting the GOTHA, ORHDRUF, SAALFELD, WEIMAR, SCHAFSTADT, LOSSA, SOMMERDA, FRANKENHAUSEN and SONDRERSHAUSEN PRA's.

TRA NR 003-78, effective dates 23 JAN-14 FEB 78, connecting the RATHENOW, LETZLINGER HEIDE, ALTENGRABOW, LEHNIN, DESSAU and JUETERBOG PRA's in one sub-area and the WELTOW, KOENIGSBRUCK and Eastern Border PRA's in a second.

TRA NR 004-78, effective dates 08-15 FEB 78, connecting the WITTSTOCK, NEUBRANDENBURG and BURG STARGARD PRA's.

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TRA NR 005-78, effective dates 14-19 JUN 78, connecting the WITTSTOCK and NEUBRANDENBURG PRA's.

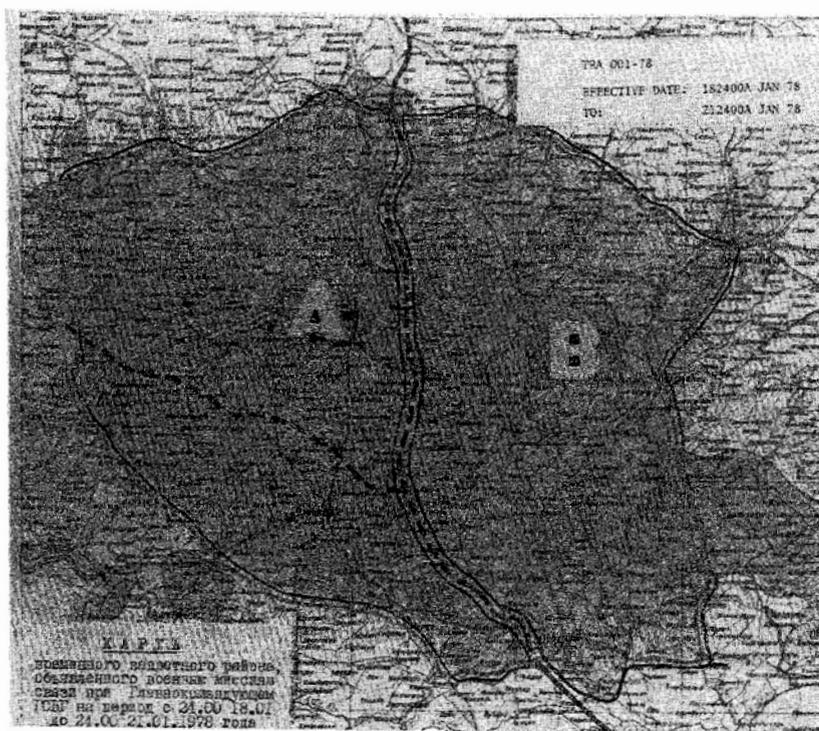
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TRA NR 008-78, effective dates 04-10 JUL 78, connecting the ALTENGRABOW, DESSAU, LEHNIN and JUETERBOG PRA's.

TRA NR 009-78, effective dates 05-10 JUL 78, supplementing TRA 008-78 and linking the LETZLINGER HEIDE and RATHENOW PRA's to those connected by TRA NR 008-78.

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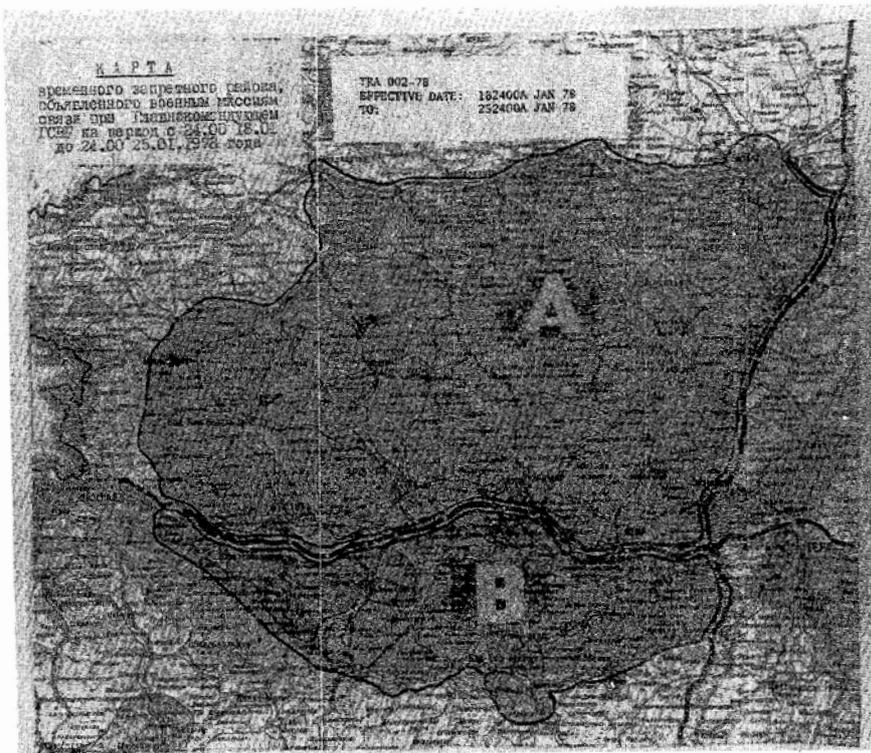


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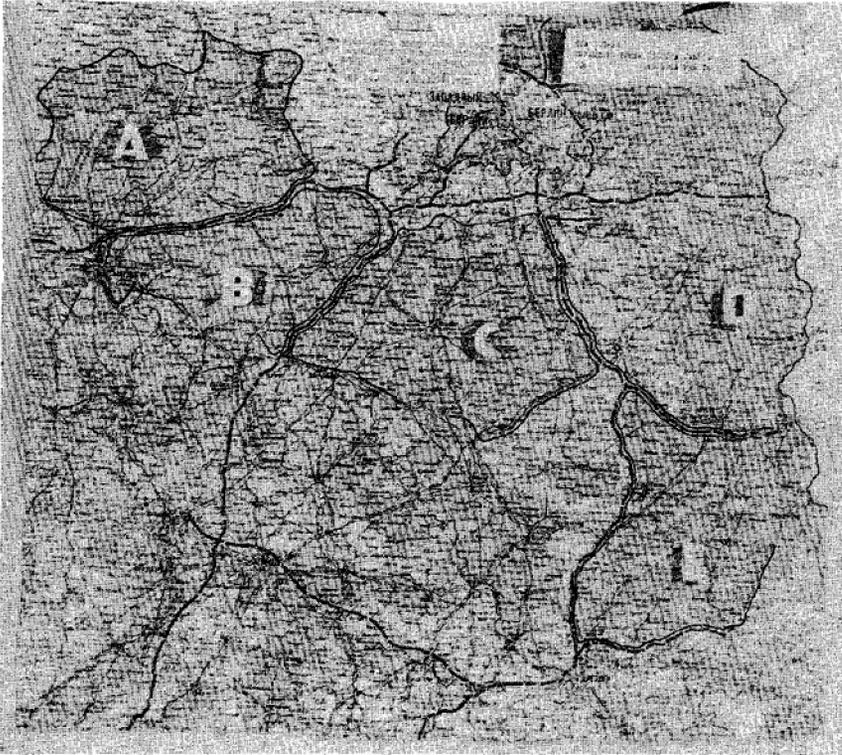


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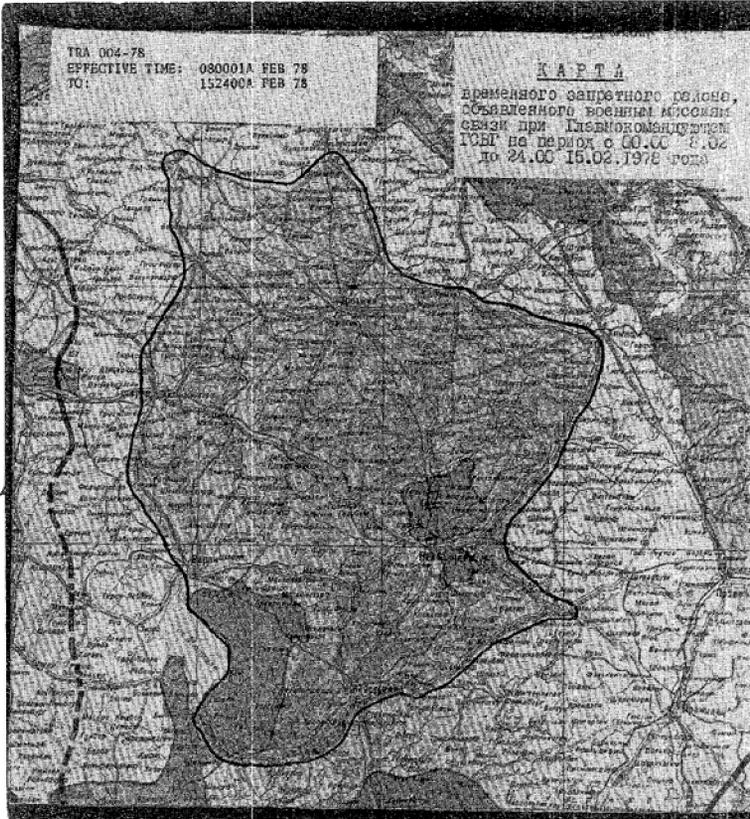


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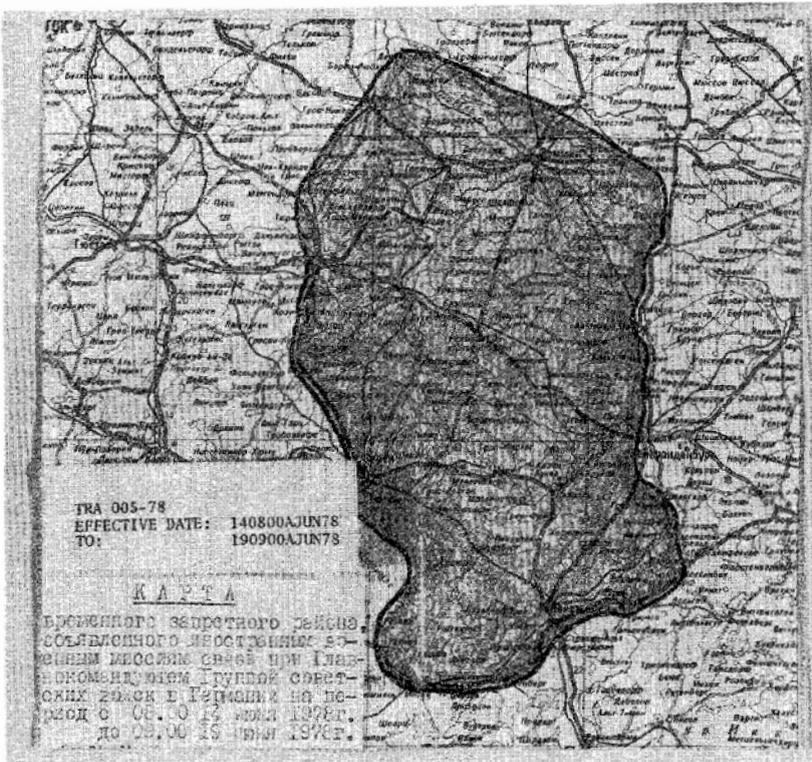


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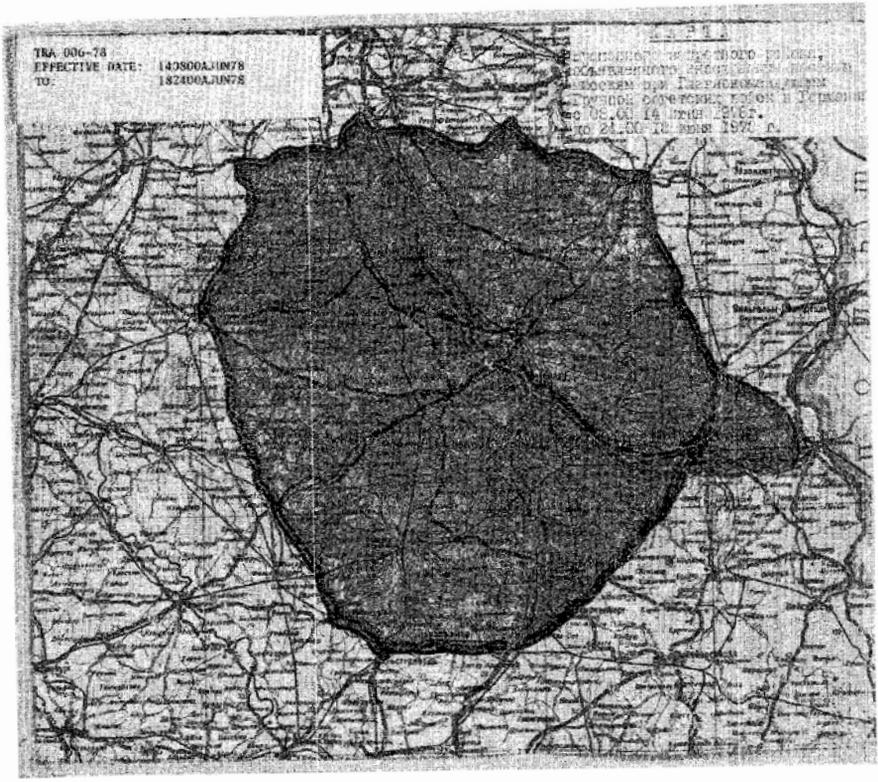
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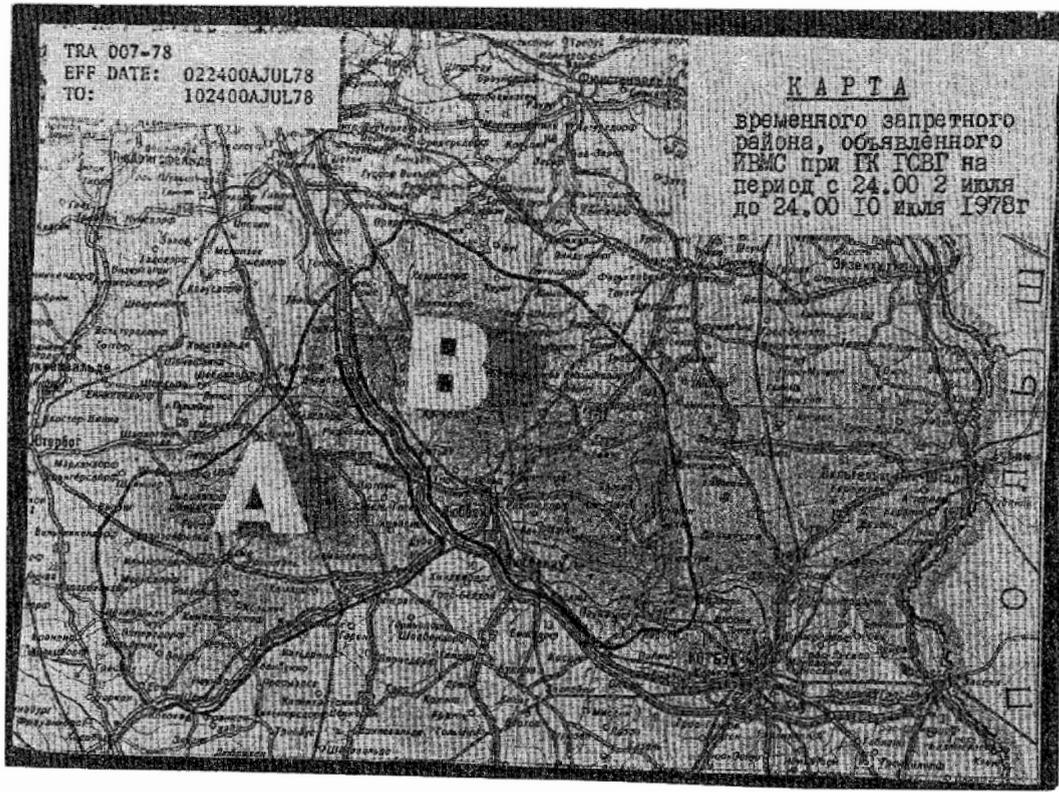


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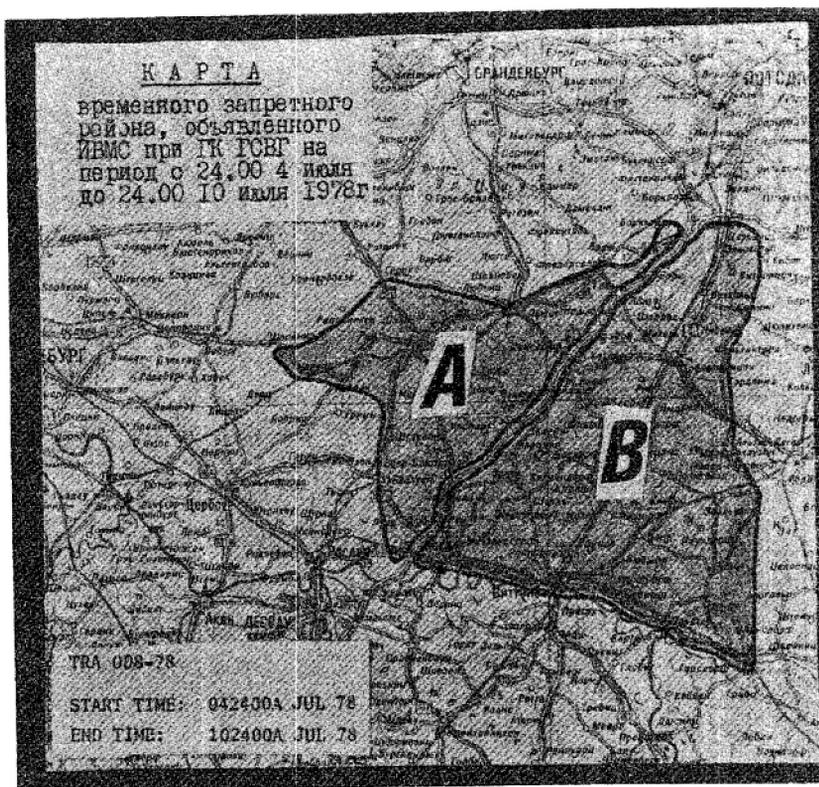


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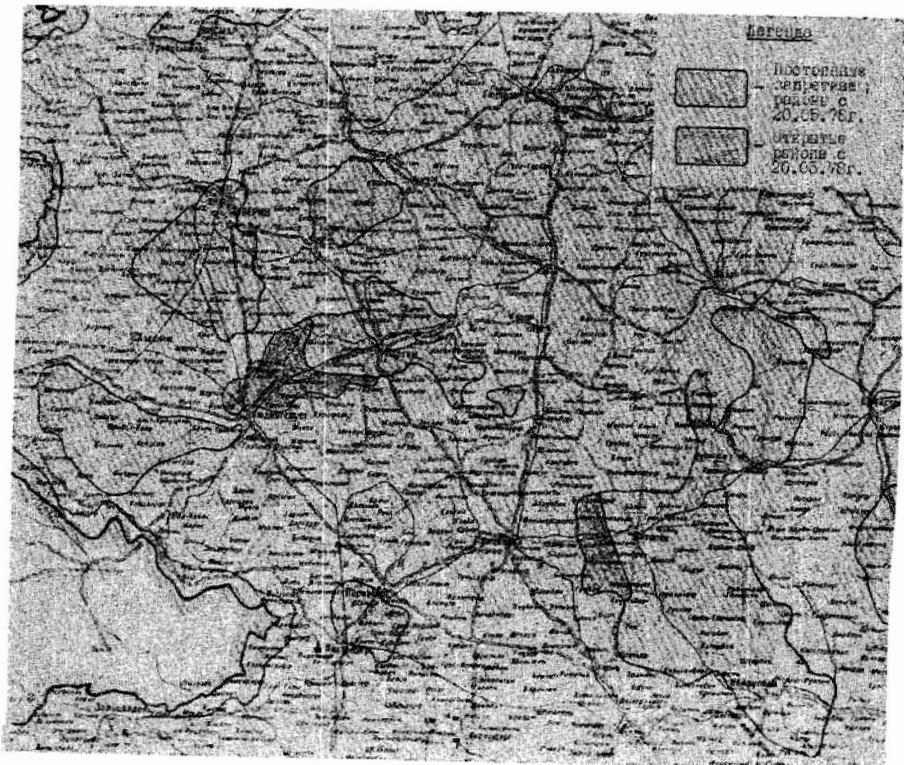
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F. (C) PRA CHANGES:

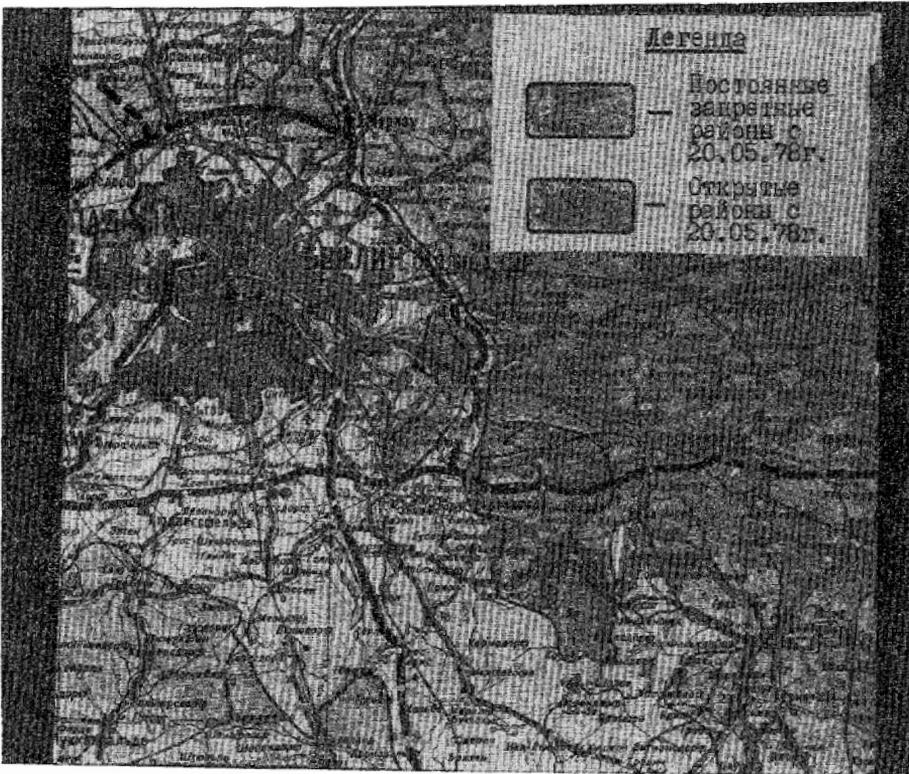
On 12 May 78, HQ GSFG announced minor changes to the PRA structure in East Germany, with effective date 20 May; although the changes necessitated minor alterations of USMLM route planning and tour procedures, they were not assessed as serious obstacles to mission accomplishment:

1. The SCHWERIN PRA was extended westward; as a quid pro quo, the western segment of the PARCHIM PRA, interdicting Route 106, was opened to Mission travel, as was a small segment of the western part of the WITTSTOCK PRA.



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2. A pocket in the Eastern Border PRA along both sides of Autobahn E8 was closed from a point just east of the intersection of Autobahns E8 and E74.



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G. (C) DETENTIONS AND INCIDENTS:

1. General. Detentions and incidents are an unpleasant and unavoidable part of the USMLM collection effort. The Soviet and EGA installations and deployments of military significance, on which the intelligence collection effort concentrates, are highly sensitive; personnel are alert to the presence of Tri-Mission tours. In the past year we have been strongly reminded that we operate in their area: Four serious incidents occurred in 1978, one of them a planned effort to detain a tour and gain access to its equipment. In spite of the more than 600,000 kilometers driven throughout the year, only two minor accidents, both involving USMLM tour cars and East German civilian vehicles, occurred.

2. List of Detentions and Incidents:

NEUSTRELITZ (UV7117), 170245Z JAN 78. A USMLM tour vehicle became mired down on an unsurfaced road near NEUSTRELITZ. The occupants of a GAZ-66, one praporshchik and four soldiers, observed the tour vehicle and came to investigate. After a short period of time, the Soviet troops departed, and the tour personnel began efforts to winch out the vehicle. The GAZ-66 returned after an absence of approximately 30 minutes. One soldier pointed his weapon at the tour personnel; the praporshchik ordered them to return to the tour vehicle. At 0355Z hours, the NEUSTRELITZ Kommandant arrived. At his direction, the GAZ-66 pulled the tour vehicle out of the mud. The tour was then escorted to the NEUSTRELITZ Kommandatura, where an AKT was prepared. Charges included being on a tactical trail between Routes 96 and 193, in a restricted area. The tour officer protested that the tour was only trying to get from Route 96 to Route 193. After the tour officer refused to sign the AKT, the tour was released at 170530Z JAN 78.

BAD SALZUNGEN (NB8730), 240850Z JAN 78. As a USMLM tour was about to exit the INTER-TANK service station in downtown BAD SALZUNGEN, a probable MFS vehicle blocked the exit. Occupants of the presumed MFS vehicle commandeered three civilian trucks and one VOPO sedan, using them to establish blocking positions around the tour vehicle. The MEININGEN Assistant Kommandant and the OHRDRUF Kommandant arrived on the scene and prepared an AKT charging the tour with being behind signs and with photographing VOPO personnel. At the tour officer's insistence, the AKT was amended to include his charge that damage had been sustained by the tour vehicle during the detention (The VOPO vehicle had caused slight damage to the paint job of the parked tour vehicle while effecting the blockade). Following the tour officer's refusal to sign the AKT, credentials were returned, and the tour was escorted from BAD SALZUNGEN at 1230Z hours.

TONNDORF (PB5540), 261530Z JAN 78. A USMLM tour departing the vicinity of a Soviet bivouac site via a tactical trail found its forward progress blocked by an East German Forestry Service tractor. A UAZ-469, with a Soviet driver and civilian passenger pulled up behind the tour vehicle, blocking rearward progress. A Soviet Major who identified himself as a member of an unspecified Kommandatura arrived shortly thereafter. An AKT was prepared accusing the tour of being behind signs. After the tour officer's refusal to sign the AKT, the tour was escorted to a hard surfaced road and released.

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HALLE (QC0707), 290230Z JAN 78. During an attempt to evade two VOPO's, a USMLM tour vehicle became stuck in the mud on a tank trail near HALLE Installation 201. The detention was effected by two VOPO's in a WARTBURG sedan, while the tour was attempting an extraction. The HALLE Kommandant arrived and took charge of the detention. An AKT was prepared charging the tour with being behind a Mission Restriction Sign and observing a military installation. The tour officer refused to sign the AKT; the tour was released at 290539Z JAN 78. Attitude of both East German and Soviet personnel was described as courteous and correct.

TOEPCHIN (VT0181), 161445Z FEB 78. A USMLM tour entered TOEPCHIN from the south and turned west on the WUENSDORF road. After encountering increasingly heavy military traffic, the tour reversed direction and attempted to reenter TOEPCHIN. A VOLGA and a UAZ-469 took up blocking positions along the road to the front of the vehicle; a PROGRESS bus deployed to its rear. The Soviet officers effecting the detention offered no explanation for their action, refusing in fact even to talk to the tour officer. The local Kommandant arrived, took the tour passes and departed, indicating that he would explain the reason for the detention upon his return. At 1645Z hours, the Kommandant returned and advised the tour that they had travelled a road to which entry was forbidden. He returned the tour documents and permitted them to depart. No AKT was prepared. In the tour officer's opinion, the Soviet officers effecting the initial detention were of the opinion that the tour was attempting to penetrate the area enclosed by TRA 003-78; the TRA had expired on 142400A FEB 78.

HOPPENRADE (UU5927), 101635Z MAR 78. A USMLM tour vehicle became mired in soft ground near an occupied Soviet training area. Troops from the training area and armed traffic regulators surrounded the tour vehicle. After the arrival of an officer from the ELSTAL Kommandatura, the tour was escorted to the Kommandatura, where an AKT was prepared accusing the tour of being behind signs. The tour officer refused to sign the AKT; the tour was released at 101930Z MAR 78. The tour had not in fact been behind signs at the time of the detention; however, on 11 MAR 78, a brand new Mission Restriction Sign was posted prominently on the road.

TONNDORF, 271430Z MAR 78. A USMLM tour, concluding from the presence of Soviet traffic regulators and helicopter activity that the bivouac site was occupied, drove up a hill overlooking the site in order to establish an OP. The tour vehicle became stuck in a small ditch while attempting a turn. After approximately 15 minutes, a UAZ-469 emerged from the site and took up a blocking position behind the tour vehicle. The WEIMAR Kommandant arrived at the scene at approximately 271815Z MAR 78; an AKT was prepared charging the tour with being behind signs and alleging that the tour was "lost." Proceedings were conducted in a friendly manner; once the AKT was prepared, the tour was allowed to proceed on its way. No request was made that the tour officer sign the AKT.

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KARL MARX STADT (US5635), 201630Z APR 78. A USMLM tour, attempting a drive-by of access routes leading to Soviet Installations 241 and 242, was boxed in by five Mfs surveillance vehicles. The KARL MARX STADT Kommandant arrived approximately one hour after the detention and escorted the tour to the Kommandatura. An AKT was prepared accusing the tour of being behind signs; no other charges were made. After the tour officer's refusal to sign the AKT, the tour was released at 1900Z hours.

POTSDAM (UU6907), 271000Z APR 78. Minor damage to a USMLM tour car and an East German civilian vehicle resulted when the East German driver made a left turn across the path of the tour vehicle.

Vicinity GADOW-ROSSOW (UU3780), 261220Z MAY 78. A USMLM tour was detained, their professional and personal equipment confiscated, and vehicle tires slashed. The detention was effected by a platoon size element of Soviet soldiers dressed in camouflage uniforms, to include hoods. After being forcibly removed from the vehicle, the tour was conducted to the NEUSTRELITZ Kommandatura. Once an extensive interrogation had been completed, Kommandatura officials prepared an AKT charging the tour with observing and photographing military activity and aircraft; endangering a Soviet officer; and being in a PRA. The first charge was true. The second was a matter of identity: the Soviet officer, speaking German and dressed in a hooded camouflage suit with no service, nationality, or rank markings, gained entry to the tour vehicle and, without identifying himself, tried to get the tour to leave the vehicle. Upon establishing that he was armed, the tour accepted the reasonableness of the request and ended its resistance. The third charge was false. The tour refused to sign the AKT and was returned to the site of the detention by CSERB, who had arrived on the scene while the interrogation was in progress. A recovery vehicle was dispatched to the detention site; after some difficulty with the Soviets present, the tour was recovered. The tour vehicle was recovered on the following day.

SCHOENHAUSEN (TU9830), 171300Z JUL 78. Passing through SCHOENHAUSEN, a USMLM tour noticed a military train in the rail siding. They established an OP in a secluded wooded area one kilometer west of the siding and waited for the train. As the train pulled abreast of the tour's position, a single shot was fired from one of the M-wagons at the rear of the train. The tour sustained no damage and returned later to WEST BERLIN without further incident. A verbal protest was made to SERB.

KARL MARX STADT (US5634), 150120Z AUG 78. A USMLM tour was departing the vicinity of KARL MARX STADT Installation 241 when a Soviet foot patrol attempted to detain the vehicle. At least three warning shots were fired when the tour vehicle failed to stop. No rounds struck the vehicle. The tour proceeded to WEST BERLIN without further incident. Initially, it was believed that darkness had prevented the Soviets from positively identifying the tour vehicle. A Soviet protest, delivered on 22 Aug 78, corrected this misconception.

Vicinity NEUSTADT-DOSSE (UU3058), 281310Z AUG 78. A USMLM tour was fired upon by Soviet troops from M-wagons at the rear of a train loaded with T-64. The tour had taken up a position approximately 150 meters from, and facing,

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the rail line in order to collect turret numbers. They had previously been noticed while photographing the train from a different OP some 40 meters away from the track. Four rounds struck the vehicle, one of them lodging 20 centimeters to the rear of the tour NCO, another passing in through the left rear window of the Bronco and out the rear window. The tour recovered immediately to WEST BERLIN. Soviet guards at the GLIENICKE Bridge appeared not to have noticed the bullet hole or the shattered glass. This shooting was protested to the Soviets at the Assistant Secretary of State level, much to the chagrin of the GSFG staff. Once the protest had been registered, the matter was, in the words of COL GEN Grinkevich, COS GSFG, "out of our hands." The number of rounds, their accuracy and the fact that this was the third shooting incident in as many months made this an especially serious incident.

ATHENSTADT (PC3254), 250825Z SEP 78. As a USMLM tour travelled south from town and passed the East German radar site located there, an East German soldier suddenly dropped a cantilever gate across the road directly on top of the front of the tour vehicle. As the cantilever gate struck the top of the moving vehicle, it was forced back up and passed over the vehicle. Since the minor damage sustained did not interfere with the operation of the vehicle, the tour continued without stopping. Later, when returning to WEST BERLIN, the tour was detained briefly at the GLIENICKE Bridge while a SERB officer gave the vehicle a cursory examination and questioned the tour officer on the details of the incident for some 15 minutes. Credentials were not requested, and no AKT was prepared. After this brief inquiry, the tour was allowed to proceed to WEST BERLIN.

DRESDEN (VS1356), 211000Z OCT 78. An accident involving a USMLM tour car and an East German vehicle took place on the outskirts of the city. The East German vehicle stopped suddenly and for no apparent reason; the tour car brakes were neutralized by the wet cobblestone street. As a result of the low speed of the collision, only minor damage was sustained by the vehicles. The Soviets took the tour to the Kommandatura, where an accident report was written. The tour was released and allowed to proceed at 211300Z OCT 78. The attitude of East German personnel was correct, that of the Soviets almost uninterested.

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H. (C) INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT (IIR) PRODUCTION:

USMLM IIR production figures for 1978 are listed below; 1977 figures for the same category follow in parentheses:

AIR DIVISION

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| USMLM Originated: | 122 (150) |
| Based on Allied Reports: | 135 (171) |
| Total: | 257 (321) |

GROUND DIVISION

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| USMLM Originated: | 471 (470) |
| Based on Allied Reports: | 203 (352) |
| Total: | 674 (822) |

JOINT DIVISION

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| LARKSPUR: | 122 (147) |
| Based on Allied Reports: | 203 (110) |
| Other: | 03 (38) |
| Total: | 328 (295) |

SUMMARY

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| AIR (1 215): | 282 (338) |
| GROUND (2 215): | 853 (953) |
| LARKSPUR (2 217): | 122 (147) |
| NAVREP: | 02 (00) |
| TOTAL: | 1259 (1438) |

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PART III

LIAISON AND REPRESENTATION

A. (C) The continued interest in USMLM and its classified and unclassified missions was confirmed by the distinguished visitors listed below. USMLM presented 118 briefings during 1978 to over 300 visitors, to include major commanders, Congressional committee staff members, theater and national level staff members and working groups. Useful interchanges of information and opinion resulted from these visits; USMLM was advised as to commanders' and senior staffs' needs and requirements and provided an honest and complete appraisal of its capabilities and limitations.

LIST OF VISITORS 1978

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- Mr. Wallace D. Henderson, OASD, Off of S&W Systems
- Dr. James L. Vance, Dir for Intelligence Policy
- BG Edward B. Atkeson, Dir, Off of Pol & Planning, Intell Comm Staff
- LTC Robert A. Carson, Program Budget Off, HUMINT Div
- CPT John F. Prout, USAINSCOM
- MG Lincoln D. Faurer, Dir, J-2, USEUCOM
- CAPT (USN) Allan Bath, USEUCOM
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- MG A. M. Weyand, Cdr, Allied Mobile Forces Land, CENTAG
- EUCOM Orientation Group, headed by COL Richard M. Price, USAF, Ch Ops Div, J-6
- COL Peter L. Thorsen, Former CUSMLM
- 497 RT SQDN, Party of 3
- USAREUR I&W Branch, Party of 7
- USBER Political Section, Party of 5
- COL David D. Young, Vice Cdr, 17th AF
- COL Robert E. Edge, Cdr, 7100th AB, Lindsey AS
- GEN William J. Evans, CINCUSAFE
- MGEN Len C. Russell, DCS Plans, USAFE
- BGEN William R. Usher, ADCS Ops/Int, USAFE
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- COL D. May, Cdr Ops, 7350th ABG, TCA
- COL William T. Ballard, Cdr 6912th Scty Sqdn
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Mr. Morris, CPD
Mr. Lunsford, CPD
Mr. Roger McNutt, Asst Ops Off, STITEUR
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COL Hillerud, Cdr, MAC, USAFE
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Mr. Barclay, State Dept, Central European Affairs
Mr. Overmayer, Political Advisor, USCINCEUR
MG George S. Patton, Jr., Dep Cdr, VII Corps
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LtCol Birkholz, Det 3, FTD, BERLIN Liaison Officer
MAJ Johnson, DAC, PARIS

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 MG Richard H. Groves, COS, USAREUR
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B. (C) RELATIONS WITH GSFG/SERB

1. (C) Meetings with Soviets: In 1978 a total of 24 official meetings took place between USMLM and either the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany (GSFG) or the Soviet External Relations Branch (SERB), a moderate decrease from the 31 recorded in 1977. No particular significance is attached to this decrease, as the number of meetings has varied widely from year to year: in 1974, 29 meetings were held; in 1975, 9; and, in 1976, only 5. Of the 24 meetings in 1978, 18 were requested by CUSMLM and 6 by CSERB. Twenty-two meetings were held at SERB headquarters in POTSDAM, one at the USMLM POTSDAM House and one at Headquarters, GSFG in ZOSSEN-WUENSdorf. A wide range of topics was discussed; to include repairs to the POTSDAM House, delivery of protests and replies to protests, arrangements for social functions, and processing of guest passes. Two subjects occupied prominent places on the agendas for several meetings through 1978. The first was the 26 MAY detention, in which tour equipment and personal property of tour members were confiscated. * The second issue requiring extensive discussion, USMLM's request for guest passes for dependents over 16 years of age, was finally resolved favorably, for the present at least. On 27 DEC 78, the Soviets announced that, as an exception to policy, guest passes would be granted to "over-age" USMLM dependents. A summary of 1978 meetings follows:

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| 06 JAN 78 | USAREUR REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING ROCK THROWING INCIDENT of 13 DEC 77: COL Stovall, CUSMLM, met with COL Kanavin, CSERB, at CUSMLM's request. CUSMLM delivered the following statement: "In reference to your statement of DECEMBER 13, my authorities have requested me to state the following: "On December 13 at about 1320 hours, an American soldier in the US Turner Barracks on Huettenweg threw a small stone over the fence. This stone struck a Soviet military vehicle which was passing by. We regret the incident, but wish to point out that it was in the nature of a prank, not a hostile provocation. The soldier who threw the stone has been punished. He said he was aware of our standing instructions that Soviet military personnel, as well as British and French visiting our sector, be treated with all due respect. We firmly reject the assertion that an American officer participated in, or condoned, this incident. On the contrary, the behavior of the senior American military representative at this site, a sergeant, was absolutely correct. He did not gesture or threaten the Soviet personnel. As soon as he saw the flying stone, he immediately reprimanded the small group of soldiers from which the stone had come. As you may know, this matter is being discussed in other channels'." The meeting, which lasted about 10 minutes, was friendly throughout. CSERB expressed the opinion that relations between SERB and USMLM were good and proceeding "normally" into the new year. |

* All equipment was returned to USMLM in April 1979.

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17 FEB

USAREUR PROTEST CONCERNING 30 JAN SMLM-F ACCIDENT: CUSMLM met with CSERB to deliver the following protest concerning the 30 JAN 78 SMIM-F accident: "MG Groves, the Chief of Staff, USAREUR, has directed that I present the following protest to your headquarters: 'At 1105 hours on 30 JANUARY 1978, personnel of the Soviet Liaison Mission to CINCUSAREUR illegally stopped their vehicle in the center lane of three lanes of traffic on the Autobahn in the FRANKFURT area. This action resulted in an accident involving four other vehicles. Fortunately for all involved, there were no personal injuries. However, the personnel of the Soviet Mission showed a disregard for traffic regulations which the Military Liaison Missions have been enjoined to observe. I further request that HQ, Group of Soviet Forces Germany seize this opportunity to instruct the personnel assigned to the Soviet Mission that they must conduct themselves in a manner befitting their responsibilities'." CSERB listened carefully to the protest and ventured the possibility that motor failure was the cause of the SMIM vehicle's stopping on the road, but did not seem too interested in pursuing this topic. CSERB brought up the subject of the stopping and detention of a USMLM tour vehicle for having violated an East German international traffic sign closing a road to all traffic. The meeting, which lasted 20 minutes, ended with CSERB's expressing the hope that all on-pass officers and their wives would attend the SERB 21 FEB Army/Navy Day function in POTSDAM. CUSMLM assured COL Kanavin that this was our intention.

03 MAR

GSFG RESPONSE TO USAREUR PROTEST RE SMLM-F ACCIDENT: CUSMLM met with CSERB at CUSMLM's request, to deliver a present to GEN Ivanovskiy, CINCGSFG, from GEN Blanchard, CINCUSAREUR. Also present were MAJ Polozov, DCSERB, and SR LT Yegorov, SERB English language interpreter. During the meeting, CSERB relayed the HQ, GSFG response to the USAREUR protest delivered on 17 FEB 78, stating that the Chiefs of the the Soviet Military Liaison Missions had been instructed to take appropriate measures to insure compliance with international traffic regulations. CSERB added that COL Gladkov, CSMLM-F, had informed him that a West German vehicle had stopped in front of the SMIM-F vehicle, forcing it to stop and causing the accident. COL Gladkov had also indicated that the SMLM-F tour had departed the scene of the accident only because of a misunderstanding between tour personnel and the West German police. COL Kanavin also presented a card and a potted plant for delivery to SSG Ralph P. Germaine, a USMLM member who had rescued an East German civilian from the icy waters of the lake near the POTSDAM House; the card and gift were tokens of gratitude from the civilian. CSERB added his thanks to USMLM and to SSG Germaine.

- 20 MAR TORGAU CELEBRATION: CUSMLM requested a meeting with CSERB to discuss the upcoming TORGAU celebration, to be held on 15 APR 78. SR LT Yegorov, SERB interpreter, was also present. The meeting lasted 30 minutes. CUSMLM provided a list of US general officers who were expected to attend the function and informed CSERB that invitations for GEN Ivanovskiy, COL GEN's Grinkevich and Babayev and MG Vorobhev would be forthcoming, as well as blanks for other Soviet flag rank attendees. CSERB promised that an attempt would be made to have the Soviet attendee list reflect the US list. CSERB brought up the matter of USMLM detentions (6 to date in 78), stating that all had taken place behind Mission Restriction Signs. CUSMLM replied to the effect that he would look into USMLM detentions.
- 22 MAR TORGAU CELEBRATION/USMLM DETENTIONS: DCUSMLM met with DCSERB and SR LT Yegorov for a total of eight minutes. The TORGAU celebration invitations were delivered; DCSERB indicated that GEN Ivanovskiy had received his invitation from CINCUSAREUR and would attend, barring unforeseen circumstances. Per CUSMLM's instruction, DCUSMLM delivered a response to SERB's comment concerning USMLM detentions. The response ignored the question of Mission Restriction Signs and indicated that all USMLM liaison officers had been instructed once more that it was forbidden to enter restricted areas, both permanent and temporary, as outlined in the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement, to whose provisions USMLM strictly adhered. The meeting ended amicably, with MAJ Polozov stating that USMLM-GSFG relations would remain good and that an improvement would result from the upcoming celebration.
- 05 APR WORK ON POTSDAM HOUSE/TORGAU CELEBRATION: CUSMLM, at his request, met with MAJ Polozov, DCSERB and SR LT Yegorov. The discussion centered on necessary repair work and clean-up to be accomplished prior to the TORGAU celebration and additional work requiring completion after the celebration. CUSMLM informed DCSERB that a revised list of US general officer attendees would be furnished and that the TORGAU guest pass list would be submitted no later than 11 APR.
- 07 APR GENERAL OFFICER ATTENDEES, TORGAU: CUSMLM, at his request, met with DCSERB and SR LT Yegorov to present the revised list of US general officer attendees for the TORGAU celebration. CSERB requested a copy of the text of CINCUSAREUR's remarks, in order to prepare an appropriate response for CINCGSFG.
- 17 MAY GUEST PASSES: CUSMLM requested a meeting with SERB to discuss their refusal of a guest pass for a sergeant, his wife and two children to visit the POTSDAM House. While authorizing the visit of the sergeant and his wife, SERB had denied permission for the two children, aged 7 and 5 years, to accompany them. CUSMLM emphasized that this represented an abrupt departure from the existing practice, allowing children under 16 to accompany parents

on visits to the POTSDAM House and pointed out pertinent provisions of the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement authorizing visits by "...Allied guests at the headquarters of the respective Missions ..." The meeting ended on an amicable note, with DC SERB's promise to take the matter up at HQ GSFG. At 1630 hours, DC SERB notified USMLM that, "as an exception to policy," the request would be honored.

27 MAY

PROTEST/COUNTERPROTEST CONCERNING 26 MAY INCIDENT: CUSMLM met with CSERB at 1200 hours, at CUSMLM's request. DC SERB, SR LT Yegorov and LTC Kerr, USMLM tour officer, were also in attendance. CUSMLM delivered his verbal protest against the following Soviet actions during the 26 MAY detention of MAJ Boyette and MSgt Fisher: slashing of four tires on the Bronco; mishandling of Boyette and Fisher; threats against Boyette and Fisher with knives and a pistol; failure on COL Kanavin's part to meet with CUSMLM for 13 hours after initial USMLM request for a meeting; confiscation of accreditation documents by other than SERB/Kommandatura personnel; body searches of USMLM accredited personnel and confiscation of personal property; confiscation of "equipment" from a USMLM vehicle in an area clearly not within a PRA, as shown on the USAREUR accepted 1975 PRA map. CSERB then handed CUSMLM the following letter of protest from CINCGSFG, addressed to CINC USAREUR: "Dear General! I hereby inform you that USMLM members MAJ Boyette and MSgt Fisher, in vehicle Nr 21, committed a premeditated violation of PRA boundaries (15-20 kilometers to the southeast of WITTSTOCK), with the goal of conducting intelligence gathering activity, where they were detained red-handed. During the detention, while trying to escape responsibility, the USMLM members committed a flagrant attack on a Soviet soldier, a fact which was attested to by a medical examination of the victim. Such conduct by members of the American Mission accredited to the CINC, GSFG, constitutes a flagrant violation of the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement and does not conform to the spirit of established relations between our headquarters. In light of the above-mentioned, I declare a most serious protest and propose that you undertake the necessary measures for prevention of such incidents in the future and for the punishment of the offenders. Respectfully, D. GRINKEVICH, COL-GEN." The meeting ended in a firm but friendly manner.

13 JUN

USAREUR RESPONSE TO 14 APR 78 SMLM-F PROTEST: CUSMLM requested a meeting with CSERB to deliver a HQ USAREUR response to the SMLM-F protest of 14 APR 78; also present were DC SERB and SR LT Yegorov. CSERB indicated that he was unaware of events leading to the SMLM-F protest, but that he would relay the response to his headquarters.

19 JUN

26 MAY 78 INCIDENT: CUSMLM met with CSERB for 25 minutes at SERB's request; SR LT Yegorov was also present. CSERB returned personal documents taken from MAJ Boyette and MSgt Fisher on 26 MAY. CSERB charged USMLM with two recent violations of PRA's:

on 05 JUN 78 vicinity of MEISSEN (LTC Kerr and SSG Tiffany) and on 17 JUN 78 vicinity RETZOW (tour personnel were identified as MAJ Hilton and SSG Martin; tour officer was actually LTC Kerr; location was also incorrect; tour was actually located vicinity MALCHOW, at the outer boundary of a TRA). CSERB read from an AKT and apparently had no information other than that contained in the document. CSERB indicated he would not forward the complaint to HQ GSFG, preferring to settle the matter at the SERB-USMLM level.

26 JUN

GUEST PASSES: CUSMLM met with CSERB for 30 minutes at the latter's request. A guest pass for two children of a former USMLM member had been disapproved because the children were over 16 years of age. CSERB expressed regret, but stated that exceptions would be made only for dependents of "VIP's" or for special occasions such as the upcoming Independence Day function. Upon CUSMLM's insistence, CSERB further explained that dependents of CUSMLM and DCUSMLM would always be granted a pass, but that approval of guest passes for "over-age" dependents of other USMLM members would be made only on a case-by-case basis. CUSMLM replied to the effect that he would continue to request guest passes whenever he regarded it as appropriate, in accordance with those provisions of the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement specifically authorizing Allied guests at the Mission Headquarters.

30 JUN

GUEST PASSES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNCTION: CSERB requested the meeting, which lasted 30 minutes; SR LT Yegorov was also present. CSERB relayed a message from COL GEN Grinkevich, COS, GSFG, to the effect that he had personally approved all guest passes for the 2 JUL Independence Day picnic, as well as certain guest passes requested by CBRIXMIS. CSERB added that the approval of guest passes was based on the special nature of the function and could in no way be regarded as setting a precedent for future negotiations; he further advised CUSMLM that guests in buses scheduled to pass through the DREWITZ check point were authorized to wear civilian clothing and that vehicles transporting general officers via the GLIENICKE Bridge would not be stopped for document checks.

08 JUL

DELIVERY OF USAREUR RESPONSE TO 27 MAY PROTEST: LtCol Tonge, ACUSMLM, and 1LT Berner, POTSDAM OIC, met with CSERB and SR LT Yegorov to deliver a USAREUR response to the GSFG protest. A sealed packet addressed to COL GEN Grinkevich and one additional copy were delivered to CSERB. Text of the response follows: "Dear General Grinkevich: I have received your protest of 27 MAY 1978. After carefully reviewing the circumstances surrounding the incident of 26 MAY 1978, I conclude that there was no premeditated violation of a Permanent Restricted Area, and that dangerous acts of force and physical coercion occurred during the incident. We cannot accept such acts of force and physical coercion. This incident clearly demonstrates the inadvisability of precipitous action in unexpected confrontations. Impulsive actions are likely

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to lead, as they did in this case, to the physical encounters that you and I seek to avoid. If the harmonious relationships which now exist between our headquarters are to endure, we must insure that incidents like this one do not occur again. I have taken appropriate preventive action to that end. Since this incident, I have again stressed to all concerned that your Permanent and Temporary Restricted Areas are legal and authorized extensions of the HEUBNER-MALININ Agreement and will be respected. In this connection, I note that your headquarters has not yet provided us an accurate map reflecting the North-South Autobahn through the WITTSTOCK Permanent Restricted Area. No doubt the fact that we did not have an updated map contributed to the misunderstanding surrounding this incident. You would assist our efforts to avoid such incidents in the future if you would make an up-to-date map of the area available to us soon. I trust that you, too, will take appropriate action to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future and, when they do occur, from being escalated through the employment of physical force. I trust also, that you will ensure that the US equipment remaining in your custody is returned promptly to the US Military Liaison Mission. Respectfully, R. H. Groves, Major General, GS, Chief of Staff". After the official reading aloud of the response, CSERB expressed the belief that the 26 MAY incident would soon be resolved. Subsequent conversation between ACUSMLM and CSERB centered on Soviet leave and travel policies and personal vacation preferences.

29 JUL.

REPAIRS TO POTSDAM HOUSE/PROTESTS BY CUSMLM: CUSMLM met with CSERB for one hour at CUSMLM's request. The first part of the meeting was devoted to Soviet support of the POTSDAM House and to CUSMLM's protest against the disapproval of a guest pass for a dependent over 16. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to delivery of protests concerning incidents listed below:

- 1) Soviet guards on a train fired several rounds in the general direction of a USMLM tour. CSERB expressed deep concern over this incident and requested all details. He affirmed that Soviet guards are alert to protect property entrusted to them, but stated that shooting at Mission vehicles could not be tolerated.
- 2) A Soviet truck driver stopped his vehicle behind a Mission vehicle whose crew was taking a coffee break, pulled a pistol and forced the tour to depart the area. CUSMLM emphasized that the tour was in a nonrestricted area. CSERB requested that all details of future incidents of this nature be reported immediately so that appropriate disciplinary action could be taken against offenders.
- 3) CUSMLM delivered an emphatic protest against increased surveillance of USMLM tours, citing the continuous surveillance by MFS members he personally had been subjected to during a visit

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to KARL MARX STADT, and pointing out that these actions were in direct contravention of the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement, CSERB agreed that such surveillance was in fact illegal and indicated appropriate action would be taken, if necessary.

CUSMLM stated that the protests outlined above were from him personally to CSERB and did not require forwarding to either headquarters, so that problems could be worked out at the USMLM-SERB level. He added, however, that he would not rule out the possibility of reporting to his headquarters and asking for retaliatory measures against SMLM-F, should such incidents continue to occur. The final item on the agenda, whose importance CUSMLM particularly stressed, was his reiteration of the request for return of US equipment confiscated on 26 MAY 78. SERB had promised to return all personal items and had in fact returned them, with the exception of one civilian radio. CSERB promised to relay CUSMLM's insistence on the return of all confiscated items to HQ GSFG. The meeting concluded with a friendly discussion of the effect on US-Soviet relationships of President Carter's 'interference' in the Soviet handling of dissidents. CSERB indicated that he personally blamed the President, but did not blame the American public, whom he regarded as victims of the 'one-sided' reporting of the American news media. At the close of the meeting CSERB informed CUSMLM that MAJ Polozov would be ACSERB for 30 days beginning 01 AUG 78, while CSERB returned to the Soviet Union for annual leave.

22 AUG

POTSDAM HOUSE MATTERS/SOVIET PROTEST/26 MAY DETENTION: CUSMLM met with ACSERB for 30 minutes at USMLM's request; CPT Yegorov, recently promoted from SR LT, was also present. The following matters were discussed:

1) Failure to provide a replacement maid for the POTSDAM House and need to begin previously requested repair work on the House. ACSERB promised that repairs would be completed prior to the Thanksgiving dinner, to be held on 25 NOV.

2) CUSMLM's insistence on the return of all US equipment taken during the 26 MAY detention. ACSERB indicated that COL GEN Grinkevich had just returned from leave and had not yet been informed of CUSMLM's 29 JUL request, adding that a list of confiscated equipment would probably be necessary. CUSMLM responded to the effect that the Soviets knew what equipment they had illegally confiscated, that he had no intention of providing a list or of signing for any of the equipment and that he insisted on its return. ACSERB promised to relay CUSMLM's statement to COL GEN Grinkevich.

3) A verbal protest delivered by ACSERB alleging that a USMLM tour had removed the license plates from its vehicle in an attempt to penetrate a Soviet installation and that the tour failed to

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obey a sentry's command to halt, resulting in the sentry's firing of a warning shot. CUSMLM responded to the effect that no USMLM tour ever removed vehicle license plates and that under no circumstances was firing at a tour vehicle justified. ACSERB stated firmly that Soviet sentries were responsible for the protection of military installations and were under orders to fire aimed shots at intruders who refused to obey commands to halt.

29 AUG

SHOOTING INCIDENT, 28 AUG 78: CUSMLM met with ACSERB for 45 minutes; the meeting was called at CUSMLM's request to protest a shooting incident of 28 AUG 78. Soviet guards on a train fired aimed shots at a USMLM tour, four of the rounds actually striking the vehicle. CUSMLM informed ACSERB that a written protest at the Chief of Staff level was forthcoming, but that, because of the seriousness of the situation, he felt it necessary personally to protest the incident in the strongest possible terms. COL Kanavin, CSERB, had requested immediate and detailed notification of any shooting incident, so that action could be taken against the offenders. CUSMLM provided ACSERB with pictures of the bullet holes in Vehicle Nr 27 and stressed that no car sitting quietly on a road 150 meters from the rail line in broad daylight and containing unarmed personnel could in any fashion represent a threat to Soviet guards on a moving train. ACSERB was reminded of a similar problem in 1973, at which time GEN Ivanovskiy had stated that firing at MLM vehicles, whether Soviet or Allied, was a deplorable act which made for international tension and could not be excused. In closing, CUSMLM repeated his request for return of the equipment confiscated during the 26 MAY incident.

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DELIVERY OF USAREUR PROTEST: CUSMLM met with COL GEN Grinkevich, COS GSFG, to deliver the written protest from MG Groves, COS, USAREUR. CUSMLM read the protest in English, and MAJ Kosevich, USMLM Liaison Officer, translated into Russian. ACSERB was also present. Text of the protest follows: "Dear General Grinkevich: It is with regret that I must forcefully protest a flagrant, unprovoked and violent breach of the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement. At 1410 hours on the 28th of AUGUST, Lieutenant Colonel Kerr and Staff Sergeant Martin, of the United States Military Liaison Mission, in Vehicle Nr 27, were intentionally fired upon by Soviet troops on a military train moving on the line between NEUSTADT (DOSSE) and NEURUPPIN. This location is not within a Permanent Restricted Area. At least ten shots were fired, of which four struck the vehicle. One round struck within 20 centimeters of Sergeant Martin. I trust that you will take whatever steps are necessary to preclude the recurrence of such an unfortunate and dangerous incident. Respectfully, R. H. GROVES, Major General, GS, Chief of Staff".

At the conclusion of the reading, CUSMLM again stressed the unprovoked nature of the incident and stated that Soviet mission members had never been fired upon in the FRG. COL GEN Grinkevich

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replied that the Soviet investigation had proven LTC Kerr guilty of penetration of a military objective, and that no premeditated shots had been fired at the tour vehicle, only warning shots. The incident had already been elevated to the State Department/Foreign Office level and the military would have to await an answer from them. CUSMLM replied to the effect that warning shots could not have hit the vehicle and that firing at unarmed personnel in an open area was unjustifiable under any circumstances. He showed COL GEN Grinkevich the bullet which had lodged near SSG Martin; COL GEN Grinkevich seemed to be unimpressed. COS GSFG stated that he had nothing to apologize for, since USMLM was responsible for creating the incident; he promised, however, to "study" the protest, although the matter was out of his and MG Groves' hands and in the hands of the "higher-ups," an unfortunate situation for all concerned parties.

08 SEP

POTSDAM HOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: The meeting, held at CUSMLM's request, took place at the USMLM POTSDAM House. SERB representatives were MAJ Polozov, ACSERB, and SR LT Dmitri Trenin, introduced as the new English language interpreter. The following items were discussed:

1) SERB request to move a chain link fence further onto USMLM property. CUSMLM proposed that SR LT Trenin meet with LT Lundgren, POTSDAM House OIC, to stake out the proposed new fence line. CUSMLM would then make a decision.

2) Hand-over of two hard cover books, previously requested by COL GEN Grinkevich.

3) The chronic shortage of kitchen help at the POTSDAM House and the bad reception over the East German telephone line.

4) Request by CUSMLM for a meeting with CSERB, upon his return from leave, to discuss matters occurring during his absence. ACSERB's presence at the meeting was requested.

During the course of the meeting, ACSERB advised that COL GEN Grinkevich remained extremely annoyed and upset over the fact that the handling of the 28 AUG incident was now in "political" hands; ACSERB mentioned that COL GEN Grinkevich had been prepared to return the equipment confiscated during the 26 MAY incident, but was no longer prepared to do so. CUSMLM's reply was that, while he might regret the unpleasantness and strained relations, it would be worthwhile should action be taken to bring to an end the shooting incidents.

19 SEP

28 AUG SHOOTING INCIDENT/POTSDAM HOUSE MATTERS: CUSMLM requested a meeting with CSERB. The meeting, which lasted 45 minutes, was also attended by DCSERB and SR LT Trenin. The following topics were discussed:

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1) CUSMLM indicated his desire to discuss the 28 AUG shooting incident. CSERB indicated that he had not yet had time fully to investigate the affair, but would be prepared to discuss the matter once his investigation was complete. He added, however, that orders had been issued that, when members of a Military Liaison Mission had been clearly identified, they were not to be fired upon. He further expressed his regret that the matter had been escalated to the State Department and national level. CUSMLM replied that the seriousness of the incident had precluded its settlement at the SERB-USMLM level and that it had been decided by "someone" (not further identified by CUSMLM) that the matter must be brought to the attention of people at a higher level.

2) CUSMLM expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the work on the POTSDAM House and with MAJ Polozov's promise that it would be completed prior to the Thanksgiving Day dinner, which was now programmed for 25 NOV.

The meeting was conducted in a friendly atmosphere, with greetings to the families of both participants being exchanged.

27 SEP

SERB PROTEST, 25 SEP 78 "SCHLAGBAUM" INCIDENT: CUSMLM met with CSERB, at the latter's request. Also present were DCSERB and SR LT Trenin. The purpose of the meeting was the delivery of a verbal and non-attributable protest by CSERB. The protest, delivered in an unemotional and low key manner, delineated the actions of a USMLM tour which allegedly crashed through a "Schlagbaum" on a road restricted by an MRS, seriously injuring a guard. After reading the protest, CSERB drew a line through the Russian word for "categorical" or "decisive" which preceded the word "protest." This action, as well as his delivery and other remarks he made concerning the incident, was interpreted as a desire to minimize the seriousness of the incident. His remarks included an expression of his desire for a return to the good relations enjoyed prior to the recent series of incidents. CUSMLM remarked that it was a dangerous practice to drop a "Schlagbaum" on a moving vehicle and agreed that safe practices by both sides were desirable.

13 NOV

GUEST PASSES/POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF FAHRLAND ROAD: The meeting, requested by SERB, was attended only by CUSMLM and DCSERB. CSERB had been called back to the Soviet Union on business which DCSERB was not prepared to discuss. The following matters were discussed:

1) DCSERB advised that COL GEN Grinkevich and three or four other Soviet general officers would be attending the Thanksgiving Day function and requested three or four additional invitations for SERB officers. He stated that guest passes for "over-age" (16 or older) dependents of US general officer attendees would probably be approved, as a special exception to policy.

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2) DCSEB informed CUSMLM that the guest pass request for the BERLIN American High School Russian students had not been approved since all students were age 16 or older and could obtain East German visas for the visit. CUSMLM expressed his regret over the refusal, since both CSERB and DCSEB had been invited to join the group and would have had an opportunity to meet a representative group of young American students.

3) CUSMLM surfaced the matter of the possible closing of the FAHRLAND Road to Tri-Mission traffic and indicated that they regarded the road as open to USMLM, that it had been open for 31 years, that it was clearly not a part of the KRAMPNITZ installation and that the attempt to close it to Tri-Mission traffic was completely unacceptable to USMLM. DCSEB had obviously been briefed on the situation and indicated that the whole question had been referred to HQ GSFG for resolution, with an announcement expected prior to 30 NOV 78.

4) CUSMLM reiterated his request for return of the equipment confiscated on 26 MAY, suggesting that it be returned prior to the Thanksgiving Day function in the interest of furthering good relations between the respective headquarters. DCSEB promised to relay the request to COS GSFG.

5) Returning to the Thanksgiving Day function, CUSMLM, requested permission for the US Army cook preparing the meal to overnight at the POTSDAM House on 24/25 NOV; DCSEB's attitude suggested that approval would be forthcoming from HQ GSFG.

20 NOV

GUEST PASSES FOR 24 AND 25 NOV/26 MAY INCIDENT/FAHRLAND ROAD:
The meeting was requested by SERB; attendees included CUSMLM, CSERB, DCSEB and SR LT Trenin. Topics for discussion included:

1) COL GEN Grinkevich had refused to approve guest passes for dependents 16 years of age or older for US general officer attendees at the 25 NOV Thanksgiving Day dinner. As an exception, he had approved the request for MG Groves' daughter. Permission had been granted for SP4 Eaton, the US Army cook, to overnight at the POTSDAM House and for vehicles carrying general officers to transit the GLIENICKE Bridge without a halt for credentials check. CSERB indicated that he did not yet have the promised list of Soviet general officer attendees, but would have it by 23 NOV at the latest. With regard to the dependents of general officers, CSERB suggested going through civilian authorities to obtain East German permission for passes.

2) The equipment taken during the 26 MAY incident was discussed. CSERB insisted that CUSMLM's signature on an AKT confirming the type and amount of equipment confiscated and the location of the "capture" was a prerequisite for return of the equipment. CUSMLM reiterated that the Soviets knew what equip-

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ment they had illegally taken from the tour and that he personally trusted them to return all the equipment. CSERB repeated that CUSMLM's signature was essential and added that he was also required to sign the document, certifying that he had in fact returned the equipment, before GSFG could consider the matter closed.

3) CUSMLM expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the work on the POTSDAM House.

4) The question of the FAHRLAND Road was raised. DCSEB indicated that he had not yet had time to brief CSERB; accordingly, CUSMLM repeated his remarks of 20 SEP 78, adding that he could not accept a change in the status of the road, which would amount to a unilateral change to the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement. The SERB response was once more that the matter was under consideration by HQ GSFG, but that no decision had as yet been made.

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REFUSAL OF GUEST PASS FOR "OVER-AGE" DEPENDENTS OF ACCREDITED USMLM PERSONNEL: CUSMLM requested a morning meeting with CSERB; after a SERB-requested delay, the meeting was held in the late afternoon, DCUSMLM representing USMLM. DCUSMLM presented a written protest signed by CUSMLM concerning the Soviet refusal to approve a guest pass for the two children of accredited USMLM members to spend the weekend at the POTSDAM House with their parents, both children being over 16 years of age. DCUSMLM stressed that the protest would have been delivered verbally had SERB been able to arrange the meeting earlier in the day. CSERB stated that he could do nothing about the refusal of this particular request, but that he understood CUSMLM's concern and would present the matter to GSFG. He added that he agreed with USMLM's position and would support USMLM in this matter. The meeting, which lasted about 20 minutes, was conducted in a friendly and businesslike manner.

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C. (U) SOCIAL EVENTS

1. US SPONSORED

a. Liaison Luncheon at the POTSDAM House: On 19 JAN, CUSMLM hosted COL Peter L. Thorsen, former CUSMLM, at the POTSDAM House. COL Kanavin, CSERB, and MAJ Polozov, DC SERB, attended, as did 1LT Berner, POTSDAM House OIC.

b. TORGAU/USMLM Anniversary Celebration: On 15 APR, USMLM personnel hosted the annual reception commemorating the meeting of US and Soviet troops on the ELBE River in APR 45, effectively ending organized German resistance in World War II. In addition, the function celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of the signing of the HUEBNER-MALININ Agreement, establishing USMLM. GEN George S. Blanchard, CINC USAREUR, and ARMY GEN Y. Ivanovskiy, CINCGSFG, again attended the function. Other US general officers attending were MG Richard H. Groves, COS USAREUR; MG Oliver W. Dillard, DCSI USAREUR; MG Paul F. Gorman, CG 8th Inf Div; MG Joseph C. McDonough, USCOB; and BG Theodore S. Kanamine, PMO USAREUR. Soviet general officers included COL GEN D. A. Grinkevich, CCS GSFG; LTC Skidchenko, G3 GSFG; and MC Vladimir Vorobbev, DCSI GSFG. Several other officers from HQ GSFG, SERB, SMLM-F and the POTSDAM Kommandatura attended. In special commemoration of the occasion, USMLM had acquired copies of pictures taken at the 1945 meeting of the Soviet and US troops. One showing Soviet and US military personnel walking arm-in-arm was signed by both GEN Blanchard and ARMY GEN Ivanovskiy.



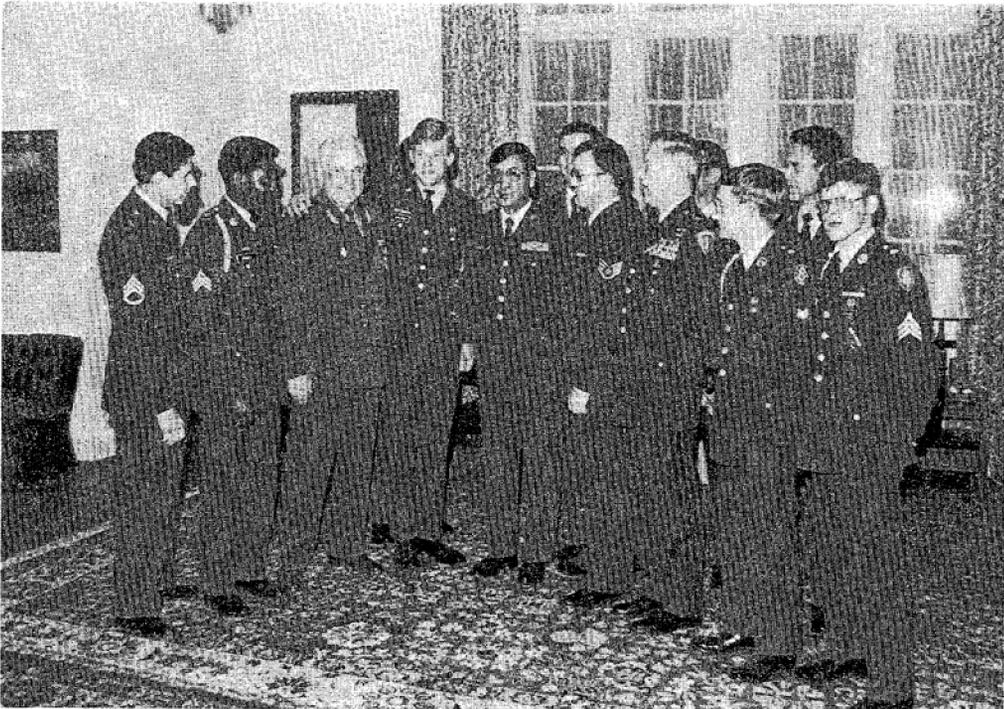
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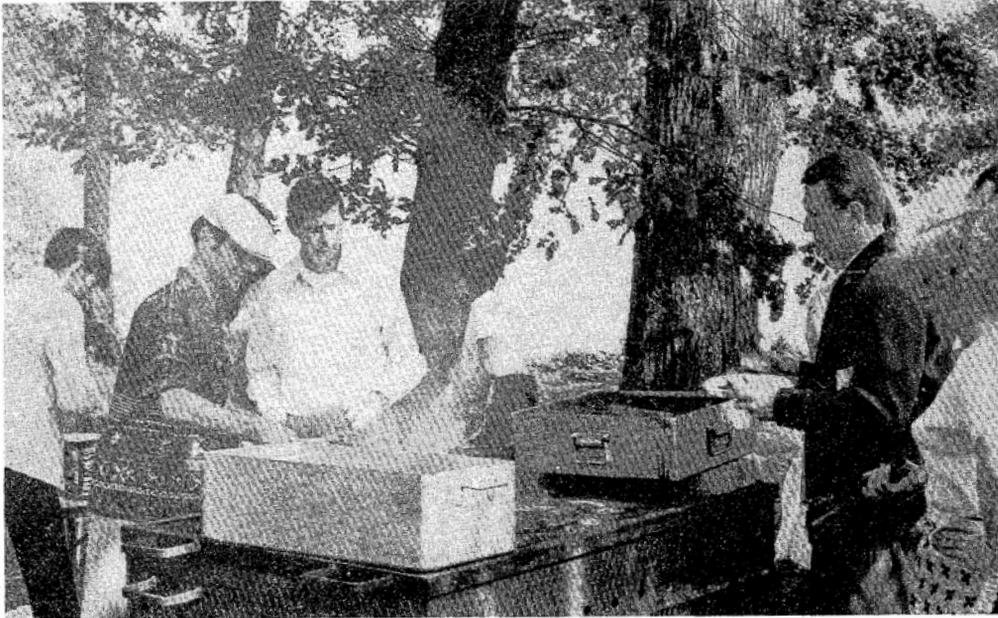
c. Dinner Party at CUSMLM Residence: On 03 MAY, COL and Mrs. Stovall hosted a small dinner party at their home, attended by COL and Mrs. Kanavin and MAJ Polozov. USMLM attendees were LTC and Mrs. Randall A. Greenwalt, who were soon to depart USMLM for a new assignment. The Greenwalts and Stovalls had known MAJ Polozov during a previous USMLM tour, in 1967-1969. The attendance of CSERB and DC SERB at a private dinner party in WEST BERLIN marked a first in USMLM-SERB relations.

d. Tri-Mission/SERB Cocktail Buffet: On 12 MAY, USMLM hosted a cocktail buffet at the USMLM POTSDAM House. Invited guests included Brigadier J. N. Elderkin, CBRIXMIS and Mrs. Elderkin; COL Jean Prautois, CFMLM, and Mrs. Prautois; COL Kanavin, CSERB, and Mrs. Kanavin; and BRIXMIS, FMIM and SERB officers and spouses.

e. Cocktail Buffet: On 23 JUN, USMLM hosted a cocktail buffet at the Harnack House. Guests included MG Calvert P. Benedict, USCOB, and Mrs. Benedict; BG Walter E. Adams, Cdr BERLIN Brigade, and Mrs. Adams; Ambassador and Mrs. David B. Bolen; Ambassador and Mrs. Walter E. Stoessel; Minister and Mrs. Scott George; COL and Mrs. I. Kanavin; Brigadier and Mrs. J. N. Elderkin; COL and Mrs. Jean Prautois; COL Jerzy Markuszewski, Polish Military Attache, and Mrs. Markuszewski; and COL Karel Masek, Czech Military Attache, and Mrs. Masek. Invited Soviet guests cancelled out on 22 JUN.

f. Independence Day Celebration: On 02 JUL, USMLM acted as host for the annual Independence Day picnic at the POTSDAM House. In attendance were approximately 600 Soviet, British, French and US guests. MG Groves, COS USAREUR, led the US contingent, which also included MG Duquemin, DCSCPS USAREUR; MG Druen, Cdr 17th AF; MG Benedict, USCOB; BG Winne, DCS OPS/INT USAFE; and BG Crist, Dep Dir J-3 USEUCOM. COL GEN Grinkevich, COS GSFG, led the Soviet delegation, which also included LTG Kudrik, COS 16th TAA; LTG Novoseletskiy, First Asst to COS GSFG; MG Vorobbev, DCSI GSFG; and MG Kushnikov, COS ENGRS GSFG. CBRIXMIS and CFMLM attended, as did COL Masek, the Czech Military Attache, and COL Gladkov, CSMLM-F. As usual, the Four Power volleyball competition was a major attraction; as usual, the Soviet team defeated all comers. The weather was perfect for the second year in a row. The food was plentiful and apparently enjoyed by all, and included a beautiful cake decorated with all four flags which was cut with due ceremony. The 298th Army Band provided appropriate background music throughout the day. Representative photos of the function are shown on succeeding pages.

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g. Fourth of July Parade, WEST BERLIN; COL and Mrs. Kanavin and SR LT Yegorov attended the Fourth of July parade at the USCOB's invitation. CUSMLM met the party and guided them to their seats in the reviewing stand. COL Kanavin shot two rolls of 8mm Super 8 film, mostly of the BERLIN Brigade silent drill team. The Soviet group did not attend the reception following the parade.

h. Thanksgiving Day Dinner: On 25 NOV, USMLM hosted the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner at the POTSDAM House. US attendees included MG R. H. Groves, COS USAREUR, and Mrs. Groves; BG (P) E. R. Heiberg III, DCS ENG USAREUR, and Mrs. Heiberg; MGEN E. A. Chavarrie, Dir J-5 USEUCOM, and Mrs. Chavarrie; BG W. H. Fitts, DCSPER USAREUR, and Mrs. Fitts; and BG C. H. Winne, Jr., DCS INT/OPS USAFE, and Mrs. Winne. The Soviet group was led by COL GEN Grinkevich, COS GSFG, and included MG Vorobbev, DCSI GSFG, and Mrs. Vorobbev; MG Kushnikov, COS ENGRS GSFG; and COL and Mrs. Kanavin. A typical Thanksgiving dinner was served to the approximately 65 guests. The success of the party was best measured by the extremely relaxed attitude of the Soviet guests. Contrary to their usual practice, they remained for more than an hour past the official end of the function. Photos of the function are shown on the following pages.

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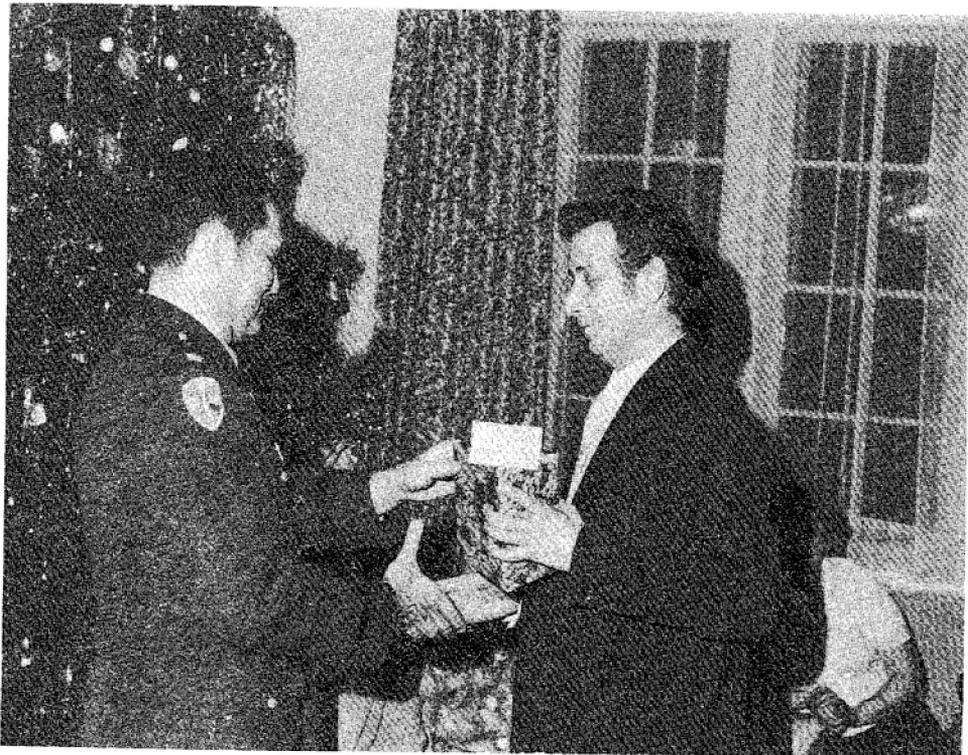
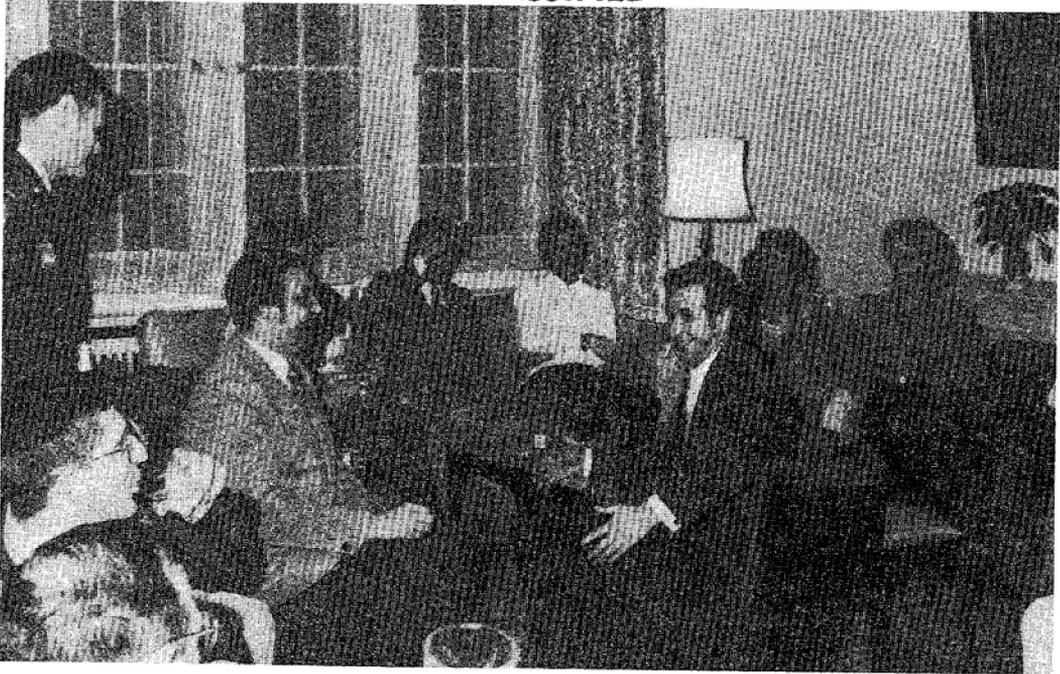
i. Christmas Party for POTSDAM House East German Employees: This annual affair took place on 20 DEC and recognized the efforts of USMLM's East German employees. Approximately fifty members, to include spouses, of USMLM attended to pay tribute to the employees and to celebrate the upcoming Christmas holidays. Gifts were presented to the employees after a brief "Thank you" speech by CUSMLM. The East German spokesman for the day, Harold Strauss, presented Mrs. Stovall with a bouquet of flowers for her role as the representative of all Mission wives. The informal and pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Photos showing highlights of the evening are below and on the following pages.



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j. US/Soviet Gift Exchange: On 27 DEC, USMLM on-pass officers hosted a small group of SERB officers at the USMLM POTSDAM House. Soviets present included COL Kanavin, MAJ Polozov, MAJ Kokorin and SR LT Trenin. The order of the day included passing out gifts for SERB and HQ GSFG personnel, light snacks and drinks, and conversation. COL Kanavin took the occasion informally but most earnestly to announce his relief from duty as CSERB and return to the Soviet Union during the Summer of 1979 and "possibly sooner". He indicated that he would continue to work in "External Relations," probably for so long as he remained on active duty. He also announced that COL GEN Grinkevich had reconsidered CUSMIM's request for a change in guest pass policy and that, "as an exception to policy," all dependents of accredited USMLM members, regardless of age, would be permitted to visit the POTSDAM House. This information was provided as an answer to CUSMLM's raising of the guest pass issue once more during an 08 DEC meeting with CSERB. Dependents concerned would not be permitted to travel to other locations within the GDR, per this decision. GSFG's view remained that acquisition of a visa from East German authorities remained the correct procedure in such cases. Needless to say, USMLM has no inclination toward implementing this "correct procedure."

2. SOVIET SPONSORED:

a. Army/Navy Day, POTSDAM: All nine on-pass USMIM officers and their spouses, at the invitation of COL GEN Grinkevich, attended the 21 FEB Soviet Army/Navy Day celebration at the POTSDAM Officers Club. Other attendees at the function, which lasted from 1800 to 2030 hours, included BRIXMIS and FMLM on-pass officers; LtCol Richert, US Chief, BERLIN Air Safety Center; COL Markuszewski, Polish Military Attache and his assistant, an unnamed lieutenant colonel; Minister Pekala, Chief of the Polish Military Mission; and the chief of the Yugoslav Military Mission. COL GEN Grinkevich's speech lasted about 12 minutes, including time for translation. The speech traced the course of the Red/Soviet Army from its founding "under guidance of V. I. Lenin (no mention of Leon Trotsky) to combat the antirevolutionary forces and the forces of foreign intervention" to the present time. An extremely humorous (perhaps intentionally) aspect of the speech was the way the Allies of the Soviet Army seemed to change. When World War II was mentioned, the Soviet allies against Nazi aggression were America, Great Britain, France, Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Representatives of each of these nations were present. Soon, when the speaker turned to the subject of the HELSINKI and BELGRADE Accords, the important countries became the United States, Great Britain and France (France was listed ahead of the US and UK in the French translation). At the end of his speech, GEN Grinkevich mentioned only GSFG and the Allied Missions; again, the order of precedence changed in the two translations. Somewhat ironically, the General commended us on our successes and the businesslike manner in which we carried out our work. The overall tone of the

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speech was friendly. Specific mention was made of the possibility of nations with differing social systems living peaceably together, this possibility resulting from the actions of peace-loving nations. GEN Grinkevich was, as usual, in complete command of the event. CUSMIM and the GSFG COS engaged in at least four separate conversations; when Grinkevich was in the presence of other Soviet officers, they remained noticeably silent and respectful. GEN Grinkevich rudely ordered COL Kanavin to open the entrance door wider so that guests could enter faster, enabling him to "get on with his speech."

The usual assortment of SERB officers was present. COL Kanavin, MAJ Polozov, MAJ Stepanov, MAJ Kirilenko, CPT Yarovenko and CPT Nedelskiy and their wives attended. SR LT Yegorov, who acted as translator for COS GSFG, was alone. Soviet general officers also in attendance, the majority with their wives, included: LTG V. A. Kudrik, COS 16th TAA; MG Vorobhev, DCSI GSFG; MG Kushnikov, COS ENGRS GSFG; an unidentified SAF MGEN serving as military attache to the GDR; and five other Soviet major generals. The latter were most reluctant to give even their first names and patronymics and adamantly refused to give their last names.

Other Soviet attendees included: LTC Grekh, POTSDAM Kommandant, and his assistant, MAJ Krestyanikov; COL Mikhail Shatrov, apprehended in WEST BERLIN in 1977 while attempting to recruit a US soldier for espionage purposes; and the infamous MAJ Nikolay Khlebnikov. COL Shatrov made it a point to speak to many of the USMLM members. Various other GSFG personnel also engaged USMLM members in conversation, to include: LTC Vladimir Kolavyov, supply officer at ZOSSEN WUENS DORF, and his wife, and an unidentified lieutenant colonel wearing artillery brass and his wife, a chemical engineer. The last mentioned officer was employed as a journalist with the GSFG radio station, Radio Volga. He indicated that he had always been a journalist and had never been an artilleryman. One unidentified major was in charge of the reception; a second, also unidentified, major was the bandmaster.

The photo appearing on the next page was taken by the official Soviet photographer and presented to CUSMIM as a memento of the occasion.

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b. Army/Navy Day, Soviet Mission, FRANKFURT: At the invitation of COL Gladkov, CSMLM-F, COL Stovall and MAJ Kosevich attended the 23 FEB celebration at the Soviet Mission House in FRANKFURT. MG Groves, MG Dillard and a number of other officers from HEIDELBERG and STUTTGART were also in attendance. COL Gladkov's conversation with CUSMLM did not vary appreciably from those in the past: "Are you satisfied with your progress?" "Are you having good fortune?" "How is the hunting?" Questions requiring neither explanation nor answer! COL Gladkov's remarks to the assembled group dealt with the recognition of Soviet military might, but he was quick (to a point of unusual humor) to point out that the cake selected by him for the occasion bore "peaceful roses" and was therefore a "peaceful cake." All, including the Soviets present, seemed to enjoy this spark of brilliance on the part of COL Gladkov.

c. Soviet-US Gift Exchange: On 28 DEC at 1100 hours, SERB hosted a small group of accredited USMLM officers, to include CUSMLM, DCUSMLM, MAJ Kosevich, CPT Montgomery and Capt Tihomirov. Salmon and sturgeon caviar and codfish on bread were served, along with three different brands of excellent Soviet vodka: Hunter's, Balanakaya, and "Table." COL Kanavin, MAJ Polozov and SR LT Trenin were present and in good holiday spirits. At this function USMLM learned of the departure of LTC Grekh and MAJ Krestyanikov, POTSDAM Kommandant and Deputy Kommandant, respectively. USMLM personnel were introduced to CPT Vilikov, the new Deputy Kommandant and were informed that LTC Vladimir I.

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Dezhenikov was the new Kommandant. Many Soviet toasts were proposed to the idea that "The bad days and incidents of the past year are behind us, and we look forward to a new year of pleasantness." The atmosphere was extremely relaxed and friendly.

As a footnote, the "new year of pleasantness" started most auspiciously with four USMLM detentions in JAN 79.

3. OTHER WARSAW PACT NATIONS:

a. Czechoslovakian People's Army Day: CUSMLM attended the 06 OCT WEST BERLIN reception honoring Czech Army Day. Invitations came from the Chief of the Czech Military mission, Mr. Ladislav Kouba and from the Czech Military Attache, LTC Zdenek Knapek, and his wife. Invitations were limited to the Chief, Deputy Chief and Capt Benedict, Air Division tour officer.

The Soviet contingent arrived promptly at 1800 hours and departed en masse at 1945. Soviets present were: COL GEN Grinkevich; MG Vorobev; LTG and Mrs. Kudrik; MG Gerashkin, DCOS GSFG; LTC Tsarkov, a GSFG staff officer; COL and Mrs. Kanavin; MAJ and Mrs. Polozov; CPT Yarovenko, German language interpreter at SERB; Mrs. Victoria Anatoli Semanova; a minimum of three other unidentified Soviet females; and an unidentified Soviet lieutenant and his wife. COL Markuszewski, the Polish Military Attache, his wife and daughter were also present. COL GEN Grinkevich was his usual outgoing and overbearing self. MG Vorobev was also very outgoing, tried out a few new English words and seemed to enjoy the drinks and opportunities for conversations with Americans very much. The other senior Soviet officers stayed together and apparently made no effort to "spread out and get acquainted."

b. Polish People's Army Day: CUSMLM attended the Polish reception in WEST BERLIN in honor of Polish Army Day, on 11 OCT from 1900 to 2100 hours. The invitation came from the Chief of the Polish Military Mission, Minister E. Pekata, and COL and Mrs. Jerzy Markuszewski.

The Soviet contingent arrived promptly at 1900 hours and departed en masse at 2155 hours. Those present were: MG Novoseletskiy, First Deputy CCS GSFG; MG Sokolov, Deputy to COS GSFG; COL Meneev, a GSFG staff officer; LTC Tsarkov and his wife Victoria; COL and Mrs. Kanavin; MAJ Stepanov, a SERB officer; and SR LT Shushunin, SERB French interpreter. A minimum of two Soviet wives remained unidentified.

The Soviets seemed to be in a good mood and thoroughly enjoyed the drink, food and conversation as the evening wore on. COL Kanavin remarked that "Relations between USMLM and COL GEN Grinkevich are now good". COL and Mrs. Markuszewski were the perfect host and hostess. COL Markuszewski stated, after a goodly consumption of alcohol, that it was rather humorous to be giving a reception for the "creation of

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the Polish Army" since it had been in existence for well over a thousand years.

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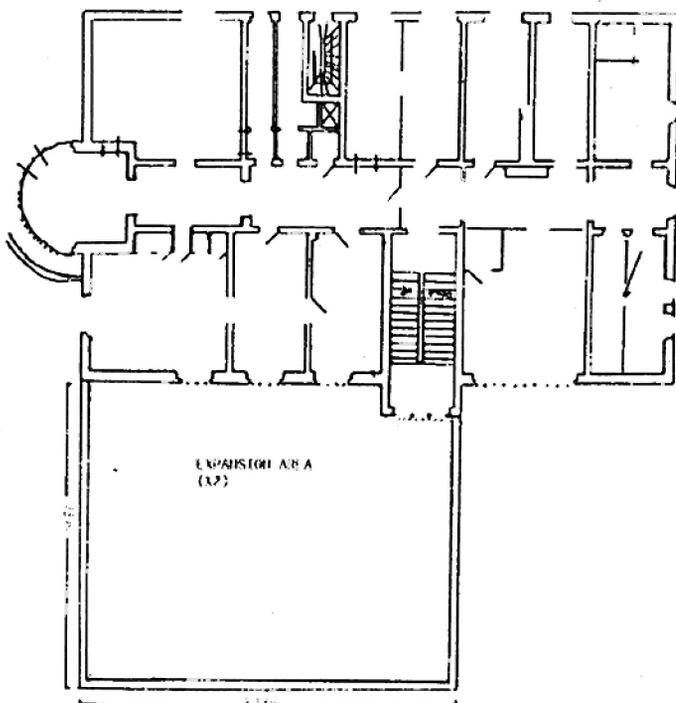
MISSION SUPPORT

A. (C) GENERAL:

1. 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 assigned. USMLM receives additional support from the USCOB as well. In 1978, Soviet support remained at the barely adequate level; cajoling and pressure were again required to obtain necessary services and supplies. Support from BERLIN Brigade, USCOB and other BERLIN based agencies, again as in the past, was most generous, effective and vital to the successful accomplishment of USMLM's mission.

2. Four major projects, designed to improve USMLM's use of existing technology in producing a better and more current product, were implemented or approved in 1978. The projects included:

a. USMLM BERLIN Headquarters expansion was approved for FY 1980. The ground floor and basement of the building are to be expanded, providing 517 square meters of additional floor space. Upon completion of the project, the Air Division Photo Laboratory will move into the basement space; consolidation of all collection divisions will be effected when personnel from these divisions move onto the ground floor. The sketch below shows the extent and nature of the projected expansion.



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b. On 19 SEP, USMLM received authority to rent the latest model of the XEROX 9200. Justification was based on speed rather than volume. Using this improved duplicating machine, administrative personnel have taken over the responsibility for reproduction, collation, packaging and mailing of IIR's, freeing collection division personnel for duties directly related to collection and processing of information.

c. A new TDA was approved on 27 OCT. As of the end of 1978, approval to fill additional authorized spaces had not been received; the new structure is regarded, however, as adequately reflecting the manpower requirements arising from increased workload and reports production.

d. On 13 DEC, USMLM received approval for the acquisition of a word processing system. Funds for rental are expected to be made available in the first quarter of 1979; equipment is scheduled for delivery by CPT Corporation six to eight weeks later.

B. (U) SOVIET SUPPORT:

1. Despite the continuing problems of material shortages and poor work schedule coordination, 1978 marked a significant improvement in Soviet logistic and administrative support. The repair work undertaken on the main house exemplifies the shortages and poor coordination. The Soviets agreed to have the main house exterior painted. After the painters had completed approximately 75% of the work, a group of workmen descended on the mission grounds to replace the roof. This work, which ruined much of the work already accomplished by the painters, had not been carried out earlier because of a shortage of roofing shingles; needless to say, the painters had not been informed that reroofing had been planned. Lack of planning and proper preventive maintenance procedures are also demonstrated in the repairs undertaken in the ballroom and in renovation of the small house: Water leaks have occurred in each of the past several years in the ballroom of the main house; in 1978, extensive water damage to the floor, ceiling and walls necessitated repainting of the room and laying of a new wooden floor; the newly renovated small house cannot as yet be used because the radiator system is old and has developed leaks; presumably, once the radiators are repaired, yet another renovation will be required.

2. Administratively, the Soviets have become more responsive to requests for coal, laundry soap and for changes in the type of rations delivered.

3. Illness, compensatory time and unfilled staffing slots continued to hinder POTSDAM House operations. Several employees were ill for fairly long periods of time during the year. No replacements are furnished either for sick employees or those on vacation. Compensatory time is, however, the worst personnel problem. The Mission receives no allowance for overtime; consequently, when operations require staffing on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the employees concerned must receive another day off. During most of 1978, only nine of ten local hire positions authorized by the Soviets were filled; in NOV, the tenth employee was finally assigned.

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C. (U) BERLIN BRIGADE SUPPORT: BERLIN Brigade continued to provide timely and effective support of USMLM during 1978. Support included:

1. Repair or replacement of washer, dryer and freezers.
2. Furnishing maid, gardener (every two weeks) and security guards for the WEST BERLIN Headquarters.
3. Self-service supply center items in the amount of DM 24,750 for office, cleaning and vehicle supplementary supplies; of this amount, DM 3978 was used to provide cleaning supplies for the POTSDAM House not provided by the Soviets.
4. Oil supplies: 389 liters.
5. Gasoline: 22,246.2 gallons.
6. The following improvements to the WEST BERLIN Headquarters building were made by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing:
 - a. Repair of roof, including replacement of tiles.
 - b. Construction of a concrete wall in the administrative section to provide security for the area used for the duplication, storage and packaging of completed IIR's.
 - c. Installation of a Joint Service Intrusion Device System.
 - d. Preliminary work attendant upon installation of an intrusion system for the arms room.
 - e. Initial planning and cost estimates for the WEST BERLIN Headquarters expansion project.

D. (C) VEHICLES:

1. Vehicle Status:
 - a. As of 01 JAN 78:
 - 1) Fleet Composition:

One 1977 Ford LTD Sedan
Two 1977 Ford LTD Station Wagons
Six 1977 Ford Broncos
Eleven 1976 Opel Admirals
Four 1977 Opel Diplomats
Total Number Vehicles: 24

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

| <u>PLATE NUMBER</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 20 | 1977 Ford LTD Sedan |
| 21 | 1975 Ford Bronco |
| 22 | 1977 Ford Bronco |
| 23 | 1977 Ford LTD Station Wagon |
| 24 | 1976 Opel Admiral |
| 25 | 1977 Opel Diplomat |
| 26 | 1976 Opel Diplomat |
| 27 | 1977 Ford Bronco |
| 28 | 1976 Opel Admiral |
| 29 | 1976 Opel Admiral |

b) As of 31 DEC 78:

1) Fleet Composition:

One 1977 Ford LTD Sedan
Two 1977 Ford LTD Station Wagons
Six 1977 Ford Broncos
Seven 1976 Opel Admirals
One 1975 Opel Admiral
Two 1978 Dodge Ramchargers
Three 1977 Opel Diplomats
Two 1978 Opel Senators
Total Number 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 Sedan |
| 21 | 1977 Ford Bronco (OD) |
| 22 | 1977 Ford Bronco (OD) |
| 23 | 1977 Ford LTD Station Wagon |
| 24 | 1976 Opel Admiral (OD) |
| 25 | 1977 Opel Diplomat (OD) |
| 26 | 1978 Opel Senator (white) |
| 27 | 1977 Ford Bronco (OD) |
| 28 | 1976 Opel Admiral (OD) |
| 29 | 1978 Dodge Ramcharger (black) |

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During 1978, two 1978 Dodge Ramchargers and two 1978 Opel Senators were added to USMLM's operational fleet. Two additional 1977 Ford Broncos were also received. The 1975 Opel Admiral was procured to replace a 1977 Opel Diplomat which was wrecked during operations. Additionally, USMLM took delivery on 20 DEC 78 of two specially equipped Mercedes-Benz 350SE's. * These vehicles were processed by the Rallye Department of Daimler-Benz. Modifications reflect those which carried Mercedes-Benz to the top four places in the 30,000 kilometer South American Rallye and represent the state of the art for rallye conditions, conditions closely approximating those under which USMLM operates in East Germany.

* After electrical modifications were completed, the Mercedes 350SE's replaced the administrative station wagon on plate number 23.

E. (C) PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY:

1. Continued receipt during 1978 of new equipment permitted further automation of many processes, increasing overall efficiency and reducing processing time. A visit by Mr. Conwary, FTD photo expert, was extremely helpful in the areas of quality control and film processing.

2. Production Statistics:

| Rolls of film processed | 1978 | 1977 |
|---------------------------|------|------|
| Black and White | 5637 | 4602 |
| Color | 1888 | 1040 |
| Duplicate Black and White | 9768 | 5288 |

Print production

| | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Proofs | 194,985 | 181,991 |
| IR Prints | 489,832 | 551,976 |
| Total Prints | 684,817 | 733,967 |

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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, 1977, 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 communications 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 breakdown in the radio installation the zone commanders will render all possible aid and will permit temporary use of their own systems of communications.

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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

ANNEX B

TOURING STATISTICS

A. (C) TOUR AND TOUR DAYS, 1978:

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>NUMBER OF TOURS</u> | <u>NUMBER OF TOUR DAYS</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| January | 48 | 91 |
| February | 39 | 75 |
| March | 49 | 94 |
| April | 44 | 85 |
| May | 47 | 98 |
| June | 46 | 88 |
| July | 49 | 91 |
| August | 50 | 91 |
| September | 47 | 95 |
| October | 53 | 101 |
| November | 45 | 86 |
| December | 48 | 86 |
| TOTALS | 565 | 1081 |

B. (C) DISTANCE TOTALS, 1978: 663,220 km

C. (C) COMPARISON, 1977 AND 1978:

| | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> | <u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| TOURS | 523 | 565 | +08% |
| TOUR DAYS | 920 | 1081 | +17.5% |
| DISTANCE | 672,269 km | 663,220 km | -01.3% |

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ANNEX C (U)

1978 PERSONNEL ROSTER

1. PRESENT FOR DUTY, 31 DEC 78:

| <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| COL | STOVALL, DON O. | USA |
| LTC | BENNING, ROBERT M. | USA |
| LTC | HAMILTON, EDWARD A., JR. | USA |
| LTC | HILTON, ROGER T. | USA |
| LTC | KERR, JOSEPH P. | USA |
| LTCOL | REILLY, JAMES E. | USMC |
| LTC(P) | STEGER, GEORGE F. | USA |
| LTCOL | TONGE, JAMES M. | USAF |
| LTCOL | TUITE, JACK R. | USAF |
| MAJ | BROSNAHAN, PATRICK M. | USA |
| MAJ | GOFF, JOHN E. | USA |
| MAJ | KOSEVICH, RICHARD S. | USA |
| MAJ | PENROD, JOHN L. | USAF |
| CAPT | BENEDICT, RICHARD A. | USAF |
| CAPT | MATHIS, JACK D. | USMC |
| CPT | MONTGOMERY, KINGSLEY V. | USA |
| CAPT | TIHOMIROV, DIMITRY I. | USAF |
| 2LT | LUNDGREN, LEROY | USA |
| SMSGT | BOURASSA, RODNEY G. | USAF |
| MSGT | DIEHM, JOHN H. | USMC |
| MSG | DUTTLINGER, RICHARD | USA |
| SFC | BENAVIDES, ESTOLANO, JR. | USA |
| MSGT | FISHER, DAVID M. | USAF |
| SFC | GERMAINE, RALPH P. | USA |
| MSGT | GERTEISEN, JACK H. | USAF |
| SFC | JACK, GARY D. | USA |
| MSGT | JOHNSON, ROBERT L. | USAF |
| MSGT | MARTINEZ, ARNOLD J. A. | USAF |
| SFC | MCKNIGHT, CLEVELAND | USA |
| MSGT | PENNOCK, MERT L., JR. | USAF |
| MSGT | PUCKETT, RONALD | USAF |

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| <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| SSG | MARTIN, JOHN R. | USA |
| SSG | MOORE, JAMES E. | USA |
| SSG | NICHOLLS, JEFFREY L. | USA |
| SSG(P) | ROACH, ROBERT F. | USA |
| SSG | RYAN, JOHN S. | USA |
| SSG | STRANGE, GREGORY B. | USA |
| SSG | TIFFANY, HANS-JOACHIM H. | USA |
| TSGT | VILLERY, ROBERT | USAF |
| SSG | WAHLEN, MICHAEL K. | USA |
| SSG | WIHS, GEORGE W. | USA |
| SP5 | BORG, JEFFREY S. | USA |
| SP5 | BROWN, JAMES A. | USA |
| SSGT | FALCO, MICHAEL P. | USAF |
| SGT | FORBES, JAMES L. | USA |
| SGT | RANEY, LARRY D. | USA |
| SP5 | ROESSLER, PAUL F. | USA |
| SP5 | SEAMAN, DAVID W. | USA |
| SGT | SELLS, JOHN | USA |
| SGT | SHANAHAN, ROBERT E. III | USA |
| SGT | SPRUILL, MIGUEL | USA |
| ACTG SGT | GEERSON, EDWARD B. | USA |
| SP4 | CRITELLI, CATHERINE A. | USA |
| SP4 | ECKHARDT, ALTON J. | USA |
| SGT | FREDERICK, STEPHEN J. | USAF |
| SP4 | HOLLIDAY, CORA L. | USA |
| SP4 | PRINGLE, EVELYN V. | USA |
| SP4 | VARONE, JENNIFER J. | USA |
| PFC | BURTON, EDWIN E. | USA |
| PFC | EVERETT, RANDY B. | USA |
| | BAILEY, JOHN M. III | CIV |
| | BARTON, JAMES | CIV |
| | COOPER, MELISSA J. | CIV |
| | CORBETT, WILLIAM R. | CIV |
| | GILES, GEOFFREY N. | CIV |
| | HUMPHRIES, ELIZABETH A. | CIV |
| | MOONEY, HELEN | CIV |

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2. DEPARTees, 1978:

| <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u> | <u>DEPARTURE DATE</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| LTC | GREENWALT, RANDALL A. | USA | 05 MAY 78 |
| LTC | MEEHAN, JOHN F. III | USA | 01 APR 78 |
| MAJ | BETIT, EUGENE D. | USA | 22 NOV 78 |
| MAJ | CRUTCHER, MICHAEL H. | USA | 22 JUN 78 |
| MAJ | EVANS, THOMAS C. | USA | 08 JUN 78 |
| MAJ | ISLEY, REX M. | USA | 03 JUL 78 |
| MAJ | STOCKREISER, EMILE J. | USAF | 27 OCT 78 |
| CPT | BERNER, HOWARD E., JR. | USA | 23 AUG 78 |
| WO1 | MYERS, JAMES M. | USA | 13 NOV 78 |
| SMSGT | SPITZENBERGER, KONRAD J. | USAF | 17 MAY 78 |
| SSG | MABARDY, KARL W. | USA | 06 JUL 78 |
| SSG | RICE, EDWARD J. III | USA | 28 JUN 78 |
| TSGT | ROSCHMANN, HORST | USAF | 25 JUL 78 |
| SP5 | GWYN, JAMES T. | USA | 13 FEB 78 |
| SP5 | HARRIS, PATRICIA I. | USA | 04 OCT 78 |
| SGT | HENN, RONNIE R. | USA | 30 MAY 78 |
| SP5 | HOYT, STEPHEN V. | USA | 02 JUN 78 |
| SGT | MONLYN, LACOYA A. | USA | 27 MAR 78 |
| SGT | MUELLER, MARK W. | USA | 14 JUL 78 |
| SP5 | REUTER, JOHN W. | USA | 25 APR 78 |
| SP4 | FICZKO, THOMAS | USA | 08 NOV 78 |
| SP4 | PORTERFIELD, WILSON H. | USA | 03 JAN 78 |
| SP4 | SCHWAB, LAWRENCE R. | USA | 21 FEB 78 |
| PV2 | MCMORROW, ELIZABETH S. | USA | 23 MAR 78 |

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USMLM PERSONNEL, 1978

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION



COL DON G. STOVALL
CHIEF OF MISSION



LTC JAMES M. TONGE
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION



MS MELISSA J. COOPER
SECRETARY

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MISSION SUPPORT DIVISION



MAJ PATRICK M. BROSDAHAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LT LEROY LUNDGREN
POTSDAM HOUSE OIC



SSG JAMES E. MOORE
COMM CENTER CHIEF



SSG JEFFERY L. NICHOLLS
MOTOR SGT



SSG MICHAEL K. WAHLEN
ADMIN SUPERVISOR



SSG GEORGE W. WIHS
SUPPLY SGT



SP5 JEFFREY S. BORG
UNIT CLERK



SGT JAMES L. FORBES
COMM SPEC



SGT ROBERT E. SHANAHAN
COMM SPEC



SGT EDWARD B. GEERSON
SECURITY NCO



SP5 LESLIE G. SMITH
ADMIN SPEC



SGT MIGUEL SPRUILL
SUPPLY CLERK



SP4 CATHERINE A. CRITELLI
ADMIN SPEC



SP4 ALTON J. ECKHARDT
ADMIN SPEC



SP4 R. E. MILLER, JR.
ADMIN SPEC



PFC RANDY B. EVERETT
MECHANIC



MR. JAMES BARTON
MOTOR POOL HELPER

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LTC GEORGE F. STEGER
DIVISION CHIEF



LTC RICHARD M. NAAB
OPERATIONS OFFICER



MAJ JOHN E. GOFF
PRODUCTION OFFICER



LTC ROBERT M. BENNING
TOUR OFFICER



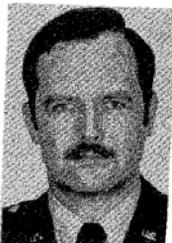
LTC E. A. HAMILTON, JR.
TOUR OFFICER



LTC ROGER T. HILTON
TOUR OFFICER



LTC JOSEPH P. KERR
TOUR OFFICER



MAJ RICHARD S. KOSEVICH
TOUR OFFICER



CPT K.V. MONTGOMERY
TOUR OFFICER

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MSG RICHARD DUTTLINGER
DIVISION NCOIC



SFC RALPH P. GERMAINE
TOUR NCO



SSG JOHN R. MARTIN
TOUR NCO



SSG ROBERT F. ROACH
TOUR NCO



SSG GREGORY B. STRANGE
INTELL ANALYST



SSG H. J. TIFFANY
TOUR NCO



SGT LARRY D. RANEY
TOUR NCO



SP5 PAUL F. ROESSLER
INTELL ANALYST



SGT JOHN SELLS
TOUR NCO



SP4 CORA L. HOLLIDAY
REPORTS CLERK



SP4 EVELYN V. PRINGLE
REPORTS CLERK



PFC EDWIN E. BURTON
INTELL ANALYST



MR. J. H. BAILEY III
INTELL ANALYST



MR. GEOFFREY N. GILES
CHIEF, SANDDUNE SECTION



MS ELIZABETH HUMPHRIES
CLERK/TYPIST

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AIR DIVISION



LTC JACK R. TUITE
DIVISION CHIEF



MAJ JOHN L. PENROD
OPERATIONS OFFICER



CAPT RICHARD BENEDICT
TOUR OFFICER



CAPT DIMITRY L. TIHOMIROV
TOUR OFFICER



MSGT R. G. BOURASSA
DIVISION NCOIC



MSGT DAVID M. FISHER
AIR ANALYST



MSGT JACK H. GERTEISEN
SUPPLY/EQUIPMENT NCO



MSGT ROBERT L. JOHNSON
PHOTO LAB NCOIC



SFC CLEVELAND MCKNIGHT
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN

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MSGT M. L. PENNOCK, JR.
TOUR NCO



MSGT RONALD PUCKETT
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN



SSG JOHN S. RYAN
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN



TSGT ROBERT VILLERY
ADMIN NCO



SP5 JAMES A. BROWN
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN



SSGT MICHAEL P. FALCO
TOUR NCO



SGT S. J. FREDERICK
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN



SP4 JENNIFER J. VARONE
PHOTO LAB TECHNICIAN

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JOINT DIVISION



LTCOL JAMES F. REILLY
DIVISION CHIEF



CAPT JACK D. MATHIS
SPECIAL PROJECTS OIC



MSGT JOHN H. DIEHM
DIVISION NCOIC



SFC E. BENAVIDES, JR.
TECHNICAL NCO



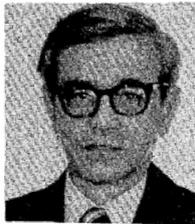
SFC GARY D. JACK
OPERATIONS SGT



MSGT A.J.A. MARTINEZ
AIR ANALYST



SP5 DAVID W. SEAMAN
SPECIAL PROJECTS



MR. W. R. CORBETT
ADMIN ASST



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ANNEX E

HISTORY OF THE USMLM POTSDAM HOUSE

The USMLM POTSDAM House is the official residence of the Chief, USMLM. The house is the largest of five buildings on the 4.5 acre estate located on the LEHNITZSEE in NEU FAHRLAND near POTSDAM. The remaining four buildings include a carriage house, a small gardener's house and two small storage buildings. Originally, the estate also included a boat house and additional servants' quarters; these have since been returned by the Mission at the request of the Soviets.

The estate was established in 1903 by a Prussian army officer of the family von Dueringshofen, which was ennobled in 1649 for exploits in the Thirty Years War. The family coat of arms can still be seen on the lake side of the main house. The former imperial family, the Hohenzollerns, purchased the estate in 1922. Prince Sigismund, a nephew of Emperor William II, moved in with his wife Louisa and raised race horses for several years. Sigismund, an ardent horseman, died in 1927 as the result of a fall sustained in an equestrian competition in LUCERNE. His widow remained in the house till shortly before the end of World War II, at which time she moved to the family estate in MUNICH, abandoning the POTSDAM house.

The house was used by the Soviet occupying authorities for troop billets until 1947, at which time it was turned over to the United States for use as the residence of the newly created US Military Liaison Mission. Initially, all fourteen accredited USMLM members and their families resided in the POTSDAM House. Because of logistic problems associated with their support, the decision was soon made to move the families to WEST BERLIN.

As a result of American occupancy of the POTSDAM House and US and Soviet maintenance and repair efforts, the estate has not suffered the deterioration visible in other old estates in the POTSDAM area. Considerable damage was sustained, however, to furnishings and decorations in the course of anti-American riots and demonstrations during 1958 and the mid-1960's. Presently, the house is furnished almost exclusively with US purchased rugs, furniture and decorations.

The POTSDAM House has a twofold purpose: As the official residence of CUSMLM, it provides a location for the conduct of official business with GSFG and a site for official liaison functions at which senior US and Soviet officers have an opportunity to meet on a social basis; as the USMLM forward operational base, it offers liaison personnel an opportunity to eat, sleep or simply to relax for a period of time. The national flag, flying twenty-four hours a day over the POTSDAM House, remains an enduring symbol of US presence in East Germany.

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ANNEX F

USMLM WEST BERLIN HEADQUARTERS

The United States Military Liaison Mission to the Commander-in-Chief, Group of Soviet Forces in Germany, occupies a compound located at 19/21 FOEHRENWEG, in a residential area in WEST BERLIN/DAHLEM.

The compound, protected by a six foot wire fence topped by four feet of barbed wire, has a total area of 2.309 acres; the Mission building, with its four floors, 33 rooms and 8,674 square feet of floor space, possesses a number of interesting features: The lower two floors are bomb proof, with steel reinforced concrete ceilings and steel doors and window shutters; a concrete lined escape tunnel leads to a shelter in a nearby hill. The shelter is fitted with a ceramic air duct.

The building was constructed by Albert Speer, Hitler's chief architect and subsequently war-time Minister for Munitions, and was used as the headquarters for Field Marshall Wilhelm Keitel, Chief of Staff of the Military Supreme Command. So much secrecy surrounded the construction of the building that residents of the area believed that Hitler himself would move into the compound. The BERLIN borough registry contains no records pertaining to the construction phase. The building is merely listed as property of the German Army, built in 1936. All other records have apparently been destroyed.

Keitel's permanent staff moved into the compound in 1940, using the lower floors for billets and messing facilities and the two upper floors for offices. Keitel himself lived across the street at 19 FOEHRENWEG, the former home of world heavyweight champion Max Schmeling. The Military Supreme Command staff occupied the compound until 1945, when the Russians entered BERLIN. Some neighbors recall the removal of hundreds of files and the looting of numerous cases of wine and champagne at the time of the takeover. The building, which had sustained no damage during the war, was confiscated by the US Occupying Force on 18 AUG 45 as former Nazi property. Its architect, Albert Speer, was convicted by the International Tribunal at NUERNBERG for war crimes and served a twenty year sentence at BERLIN/SPANDAU; Wilhelm Keitel, its principal occupant, was also convicted as a war criminal, sentenced to death and hanged in 1946.

The first US post war occupant of the building was the Office of Strategic Services, followed by its successor, the CIA. USMLM occupied the "Old Press Club" on SVEN HEDIN STRASSE from its inception in 1947 till 1957, at which time it moved into its present quarters at 19/21 FOEHRENWEG.

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ANNEX G

RESCUE AT POTSDAM

On 25 FEB 78, an East German civilian broke through the ice on the LEHNITZSEE, some 200 meters distant from the POTSDAM House. The duty NCO at the house was SFC Ralph Germaine, a USMLM tour driver for more than three years. Then SSG Germaine's quick thinking and selfless action led to the rescue of the civilian.

The translation appearing below of a letter the East German citizen subsequently sent to SFC Germaine provides some detail of the incident:

POTSDAM, 3. 3. 78

On Saturday, 25 FEB 78 toward noon, as I was about to leave the ice, I broke through, approximately 95 meters from shore.

After several unsuccessful attempts by the people on the shore to rescue me, I had given up all hope.

Thanks to your help and the help of my son, it was possible to get out of the water by means of the line which you threw me.

For this, I want to give you my heartfelt thanks.

With friendly greetings,

S/H. SCHULZ

For his heroic action, SFC Germaine was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with V Device (First OLC). MG Joseph C. McDonough, USCOB, made the presentation (See photo following).

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An interesting postscript to the action occurred on 03 MAR, when a small article appeared in the MAERKISCHER VOLKSTIMME, a POTSDAM local newspaper. Note that no mention is made of the US member's participation in the rescue. The "POTSDAM citizen Harald Strauss" mentioned in the article is an employee at the POTSDAM Mission House:

LIFESAVING MEDAL FOR FOURTEEN YEAR OLD

On Monday, on the occasion of commencement exercises for the HANS-BEIMLER-COMPETITION at Polytechnic High School 25, the student Andreas Schulz of POTSDAM/BORNSTEDT was awarded the DDR Lifesaving Medal by order of the Minister of the Interior. Primarily as a result of his courageous and circumspect action, it was possible to save his father's life after both of them had broken through the ice while fishing on the LEHNITZSEE near FAHRLAND on 25 February. The POTSDAM citizen Harald Strauss, who was also an active participant, received a ministerial letter of recognition.

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ANNEX H

UNIT HISTORY, 1947-1962

In OCT, CUSMLM sent letters to all surviving former Chiefs of Mission for the period 1947-1962 in order to start the process of collecting data for a USMLM Unit History for the period stated. Existing and official USMLM Unit Histories and Supplements date back to 1962; however, information as to "what it was like in those days" is extremely sketchy for the period prior to 1962. Thus far, the responses have been extremely encouraging, and 1979 is set as the year for completion of a first draft. A few of the "interesting items" which have been provided are:

"I would suggest to you that any bottled goods you receive from the Soviets as a gift be carefully analyzed for potability."

COMMENT: Those of us who participated in the annual Christmas gift exchange with members of SERB thought long and hard about that statement from a former Mission Chief during the early 1950's as we downed an inordinate amount of Russian vodka and Czech beer.

"Your letter brings back memories, many of them. It was absolutely the most challenging and interesting assignment in my Army career."

COMMENT: Some things never change.

"How are things at the Mission? I was there 1953-56. Great tour. P. S. May your detentions be of short duration."

COMMENT: None necessary for those of us that serve.

All in all, the project has all the makings of an extremely interesting one, and one that will be valuable for future history buffs, to say the least.

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