1. The head of the Criminal Direction of the East Berlin Police stated on 28 December 1948 that the complete sealing of Soviet Sector streets leading into the western sectors is to be carried out soon. With the exception of a few main thoroughfares, the streets will be closed with wooden barriers. Traffic through the streets remaining open will be closely checked by foot patrols. Vehicles attempting to pass from the Soviet Sector to the western sectors without a proper police permit are to be summarily confiscated.

[Source Comment: Police officials are aware that it is impossible to hermetically seal the sector boundaries. It is assumed that the Soviets want to show their strength by the control of motor traffic and add further discomfort to life in Berlin.]

2. The following measures are being taken to increase sector boundary controls:

a. Paul Harzgraf stated at a meeting of his staff on 13 December 1948 that the auxiliary police (Nachpoliz) would be absorbed into the uniformed police (Bundespolizei).

b. The duties of the auxiliary police are to be taken over by civilian guards.

c. On 21 December, according to the Harzgraf Criminal Direction, the sector boundary patrols were increased by 2000 men. Police dogs were to be used.

[Field Comment: There are 1900 auxiliary police in the Soviet Sector. If the above figures are correct, this means that the uniformed police of the Soviet Sector have been strengthened by 3000.]

3. Increased control of S-bahn and U-bahn passengers at the sector boundaries began on 26 December. Police are under instructions to confiscate all packages larger than brief cases. There is no legal basis for such confiscation. Harzgraf was instructed by the Central Command to issue a police proclamation justifying the action. The police met with scattered resistance from outraged passengers. Railroa personnel showed passive resistance and in many cases, gave passengers warning or concealed packages. As a result police assigned to this duty are being strengthened.
II-15: (Continued)

GAI instructions to the Marzgraf-Polizei President, until 1 March 1969. Such persons, meanwhile, are allowed to proceed as before if they are not transporting merchandise. (Field Comments: See also 80-1993 on Brandenburg political measures to tighten the blockade.)