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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE WEEKLY SUMMARY
8 March 1949
THE WEEK IN BRIEF
PART I
OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST

Wehrmacht to vacate East Berlin

Soviet preparations to withdraw military and civilian organizations from East Berlin have reached such an advanced stage that the city could be virtually emptied of Soviet personnel on short notice. Construction deadlines for new buildings such as barracks and offices outside East Berlin to which the Russians plan to move remain out for 28 May.
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"USSE PREPARES TO VACATE EAST BERLIN:

Soviet preparations to withdraw military and civilian organizations from East Berlin have reached an advanced stage. There are extensive packing activities in the compound at Karinhorst, and a new headquarters is being built between Bernau and Vandits Bee, a few miles north of Berlin."
In addition to the KGB, other Soviet organizations which are believed to exercise close control over the East Germans are involved. Since these organizations will probably be quartered at Bernau, Strausberg, or Prenzlau—all of which are near East Berlin—Soviet officials will be able to continue close observance of East German activities.

One report indicated that the Karlshorst compound would be used by the East German Army in the future. Such a move would be symbolic of the increased authority of the East German regime.

If control over East Berlin is transferred to East Germany,
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The sector border between East and West Berlin will for all practical purposes become an international frontier, and Allied access rights to the entire city, spelled out in a quadrupartite agreement, will be retained only through East German suffrage. East Germany would probably assume access controls at the same time, leaving West Berlin subject to being cut off completely. Refugees would find it more difficult to go to West Berlin, and, if the already stringent security controls were tightened further, the refugee flight through the city would for all practical purposes be stopped.