1. Extensive recent reporting lead conclusion strong probability Soviets making firm preparations carry out as minimum action complete transfer DDR remaining vestiges occupation rights east Berlin upon expiration six months deadline. Apparent Sovs desirous having preparations complete enable such turnover even if subsequently may possibly decide defer timing or take alternate action possibly as result substance progress negotiations with West.

2. Believe following portions ref reporting particularly significant preparations currently underway physically remove vestiges Sov military occupation east Berlin. Certain Ris personnel reported changing ops cover from...
MILITARY TO SOV TRADE DELEGATION OR EMBASSY EAST BRUN WHILE OTHER RIS TYPES BEING MOVED EITHER GSGF HQ WIENSDORF OR ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE BRUN [redacted]

NEW QUARTERS REPORTED CURRENTLY BEING READIED BERNAU/WANDLITZ AREA PROBABLY FOR SOV MILITARY UNITS NOW LOCATED EAST BRUN [redacted] ALL SOV LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CONNECTIONS TO KARLSHOFST TO BE DISCONNECTED NEAR FUTURE [redacted] THREE NEW 70-PAIR CABLE LINKS CURRENTLY REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN BRUN NIEDERSCHÖNHAUSEN AND WANDLITZ AREA WITH DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION BY 25 MAY 59 [redacted] CERTAIN SOV COMO EQUIPMENT ALSO REPORTED MOVED FROM KARLSHOFST TO VICINITY STRAUSSBERG [redacted] IMPOSSIBLY SOVS WOULD UNDERTAKE ABOVE ACTIVITY UNLESS THEY SERIOUS ABOUT REMOVING THEIR MILITARY UNITS FROM EAST BRUN [redacted] HOWEVER SUGGEST WHILE SOVS MAY PHYSICALLY MOVE OUTSIDE EAST BRUN THEY WILL STILL REMAIN CLOSELY TIED DOR GOVT AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY BRUN. FURTHER, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED APPEARANCE SOVIET AIR FORCE INSTRUCTORS FOR DDR VOLKARME LUFT BASC PERSONNEL ALSO APPEARS SIGNIFICANT SOV INTENTIONS THIS CONNECTION.

3. BOB COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONCEIVABLE THESE INDICATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY DESIGN SUGGEST TO WEST FIRM SOVIET POSTURE AND DETERMINATION DIVEST THEMSELVES OCCUPATION RESPONSIBILITY (EXCEPT FOR GSGF) IN FAVOR DDR, DOUBT THIS THE CASE AND BELIEVE EXTENT OF ACTUAL PREPARATIONS NOTED CLEARLY INDICATIVE ESSENTIALLY

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.
SOVIET INTENTION MAKE FULL TURNOVER CONTROL FUNCTIONS DDR AS ANNOUNCED. DO
NOT FEEL HAVE SUFFICIENTLY FIRM INTELLIGENCE HERE NOW SPECULATE WITH ANY
AUTHORITY FURTHER ON EXTENT OR TIMING WHICH BERLIN ACCESS MAY BE RESTRICTED.
OR METHODS EXERCISE CONTROL FUNCTIONS BY DDR DURING PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER
TAKEOVER. DEVELOPMENTS NEAR FUTURE CONNECTION EXCHANGE NOTES POSSIBLE AGREED
NEGOTIATIONS ETC MAY THROW FURTHER LIGHT THESE POINTS.

END OF MESSAGE

CIS Comment: Reported construction of L'Harpe permanent housing and administrative
complex in East Germany.