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I GAVE WATSON THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: IF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL OR VEHICLES ARE STOPPED AT THE GATE AND ABNORMAL DEMANDS FOR IDENTIFICATION, ETC., ARE MADE, THEY ARE, IF POSSIBLE, TO DISREGARD AND MOVE FORWARD, SHAKING OFF ANY RESTRAINT, IF THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ACTUALLY KNOCKING DOWN OPPOSITION OR PHYSICALLY OVERRUNNING EAST GERMAN POLICE. IF THE EAST GERMANS SUCCESSFULLY IMPEDE THE MOVEMENT, THOSE INVOLVED SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH WATSON AT ONCE, WHEREUPON HE SHOULD DEMAND IN THE STRONGEST AND MOST FORCEFUL TERMS AN IMMEDIATE SOVIET CONTACT. UPON MAKING THE CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS, HE WILL PROTEST THE VIOLATION OF RIGHTS AND DEMAND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS OR VEHICLES BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE THREE BUSES AND SEDAN WHICH WILL BE RETURNING TO THIS GATE, I INSTRUCTED TO HAVE THEM GIVE ONLY NORMAL IDENTIFICATION AND TO MOVE IN THE WEST ZONE, IGNORING RESTRAINT, IF POSSIBLE. FROM TALKING TO WATSON, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE AND HIS PEOPLE ARE CALM, STRONG, AND HAVE THE SITUATION WELL UNDER CONTROL.

ONLY ONE THING IS CERTAIN: THAT THERE WILL BE MORE INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND WITHIN THE HOUR, WITHIN THE DAY, WITHIN THE WEEK. THE HARRASSING TYPE OF EXERCISE, SUCH AS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED TODAY, WILL SURELY HAVE TO BE PLAYED BY EAR, AND I BELIEVE THIS CAN BE DONE SATISFACTORILY. HOWEVER, WE WILL MOVE TO A DISTINCTLY HIGHER PLATEAU OF PROBLEM WHEN, AS MAY BE ANTICIPATED, THE GDR ACTUALLY CLOSES THE BORDER, AS OPPOSED TO JUST HINDERING, IMPEDING AND HARRASSING WESTERN MOVEMENTS INTO EAST BERLIN. IT IS AT THIS POINT THAT I BELIEVE ACTION WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN AND...

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THE ACTUAL TACTICS OF THIS MANEUVER SHOULD BE LEFT LARGELY TO THE COMMANDER ON THE SPOT. AS AN ILLUSTRATION, A TANK, BULLDOZER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE VEHICLE MIGHT BE USED TO KNOCK DOWN BARRICADES OR OBSTACLES AT THE FRIEDRICHSTRASSE GATE, BUT NOT PENETRATE ANY FURTHER INTO EAST GERMANY THAN WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIS LIMITED PURPOSE. WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE BARRICADES, JEEPS OR OTHER VEHICLES WOULD BE SENT THROUGH IMMEDIATELY. ARMS WOULD NOT BE USED EXCEPT AS CLEARLY NECESSARY FOR DEFENSE OR RESCUE PURPOSES.

WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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