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1. According to a recent directive, DIA officials and employees are no longer authorized to visit West Berlin. If it is absolutely essential that certain DIA officials visit West Berlin in the course of priority official business, a specific authorization must be obtained through channels giving the names of the officials involved, the date for which this authorization is valid, and the specific purpose for which permission is requested.
2. Aside from certain private individuals, only the following groups of persons are still legally permitted to visit West Berlin:
 - a. Officials and employees of the various DHZs (Deutsche Handels Zentrale - domestic trade centers);
 - b. Officials and employees of the East German HO (Handels-Organisation);
 - c. East German Konsum cooperatives;
 - d. Officials and workers of the various East German VEBs (nationalized plants).
3. If, however, the [redacted] persons listed in paragraph 2 above are SED members they fall under the directives issued to them by their particular echelon of the Party, which in all cases takes precedence over any ministerial directive. SED Party orders in some cases do not necessarily place West Berlin off limits; on the contrary, some Party members are directed on certain occasions to visit West Berlin in connection with specific Party missions which can be divided in two groups:
 - a. Individual assignments to visit certain West Berlin residents for individual "enlightenment" talks; or
 - b. Group assignments to stage "spontaneous" public demonstrations in West Berlin.

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