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The following is a summary of a memorandum on a conversation held on 21 June 1950 between G. M. Pushkin, chief of the Soviet diplomatic mission to the DDR, and Otto Dertinger, DDR Minister for Foreign Affairs. Information copies of the memorandum, which was presumably filed by Dertinger, were sent to Otto Grotewohl and Anton Ackermann, State Secretary in the DDR Foreign Ministry.

1. Dertinger asked Pushkin whether he should publish the verbal note of the DDR to the USSR concerning the dropping of potato bugs on DDR territory by USA planes. Pushkin replied that the Russian answer would probably be forthcoming at the end of the week or by Monday, June 26, at the latest, and that the USSR would most likely agree to its publication.\*
2. Regarding the question of critique on the political and legal aspects of the decision of the Bonn government to become a member of the European Council, Pushkin believes it is the standpoint of the USSR that, since the Bonn government does not exist as far as she is concerned, no Soviet reaction is to be expected in the near future. If, as expected, the European Council accepts Western Germany as a member in September, then the situation will be altered. However, it appears that the Soviet reaction has not yet been decided. On the other hand, Pushkin clearly expects the DDR to attack vigorously and in detail the behavior of the Bonn government.
3. Pushkin was extremely interested in the opinion of the DDR government on the Schuman Plan, particularly with regard to the economic and political background of Western Germany's interest in it. Since the Paris meetings on the plan are in their initial stages, Pushkin and Dertinger will continue their conversations on this subject.

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