

IN FACT, HOWEVER, THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES DID NOT ASK MRS. FLAKE AND FOR TWO HOURS REFUSED HER REPEATED REQUEST THAT A SOVIET OFFICER BE SUMMONED. IN ADDITION, DESPITE MRS. FLAKE'S DISTRESSED PHYSICAL CONDITION, THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO ALLOW HER COMPANIONS TO RENDER HER ASSISTANCE.

THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THE DELAY IN CONTACTING THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND THE TREATMENT OF MRS. FLAKE AS IF SHE WERE A CRIMINAL, JEOPARDIZING HER UNBORN CHILD, CONSTITUTE ACTIONS WHICH CAN ONLY SERVE TO UNDERMINE THE CALM SITUATION IN AND AROUND BERLIN. THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CALL ON THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT SIMILAR SUCH BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THE FUTURE.

THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR SATISFACTION THAT WHEN THE LOCAL POLICE FINALLY AGREED TO CONTACT SOVIET AUTHORITIES, THESE SOVIET AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN SPEEDY FASHION. THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE RESPONSIBLE SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR ASSISTING IN MRS. FLAKE'S TRANSPORTATION TO THE CHECKPOINT, THUS SPEEDING HER ARRIVAL AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY HOSPITAL WHERE HER UNBORN CHILD COULD BE EXAMINED FOR POSSIBLE INJURY.

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