

NON-PAPIER REMIS PAR L'OFFICIER DE PROTOCOLE BRITANNIQUE
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THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO A RECENT INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT OF A CIVILIAN MEMBER OF THE BRITISH GARRISON IN BERLIN AND HIS WIFE BY MEMBERS OF THE VOLKSPOLIZEI IN THE SOVIET SECTOR.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 AUGUST, THE BRITISH CIVILIAN AND HIS WIFE, DRIVING A BRITISH FORCES REGISTERED CAR, NUMBER SG 679B, WERE DETAINED IN ACKER STRASSE BY MEMBERS OF THE VOLKSPOLIZEI ON MOTORBIKES AND IN CARS WHO OVER A PERIOD OF 50 MINUTES ASKED TO SEE THEIR DOCUMENTATION, BLOCKED IN THEIR VEHICLE, TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEM, AND REFUSED THEIR REPEATED REQUESTS FOR THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET OFFICER AND TO KNOW WHY THEY WERE BEING DETAINED.

IN DRAWING THIS INCIDENT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY, THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROTESTS ABOUT THE DETENTION AND HARASSMENT OF THE BRITISH PERSONNEL WHILE IN THE SOVIET SECTOR, AND THE DISREGARD OF THEIR STATUS AS MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED FORCES IN BERLIN. THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT LOOKS TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO REPETITION OF SUCH AN INCIDENT.