

DECLARATION, COMMENT ON TUNNEL FILM

NBC Officials Barred

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(Text) Berlin--The GDR Ministry of the Interior has declared persona non grata the officials of the U.S. NBC radio and television company who "supported and financed an attack on the GDR state frontier, to the danger of the general public," in order to make a "tunnel film" in Berlin. In order to shoot their "thriller," the Americans, whose names are known, have personally violated the GDR state frontier.

The statement by the Ministry of the Interior says, among other things: "Because of their unlawful behavior, competent authorities have been notified that the persons concerned are barred from entering the GDR. In case of noncompliance, necessary measures are to be taken which will insure observance of the ban on entering the GDR by the persons concerned."