

EISLER ASKS END OF BERLIN BORDER VIOLATIONS

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(Text) I want to talk to General Franklin (foregoing in English--ed.). I would like to say something to the U.S. city commander in West Berlin. There is still something called a city commander and if perhaps somebody hears what I have to tell him, they will pass it on in case he doesn't hear it himself.

My dear U.S. city commander, you have again interfered in a matter which is not your business at all. A West Berlin border violator received an appropriate reception from our border police. This will always happen. If border violations were not organized once in a while, then there would be no incidents. Our border is as sacred to us as your border is to you. You know, I could try to land at some point on the U.S. border with a boat or something else. What would happen to me is not to be sneezed at, and how you (words indistinct) to such things we have seen in Los Angeles. I know the United States. I know your police and your border emplacements and know what happens to any one who tries to enter the United States against the will of the border authorities.

You know, what is good for you is not good for us, but do not interfere in things which are not your business at all. It is really not your business. If you want to fulfill your function as city commander, then tell the authorities in West Berlin to insure that such filthy acts do not occur. Then there will be no border incidents, which we do not like either.

But, we tell you this. We will defend our border at least as well as you defend your own. Moreover, if suddenly your voice is choked with tears, do not pretend to us (remainder of item indistinct)