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## DAILY BRIEF

**\*USSR-Berlin:** The release of the US convoy at Marienborn and the failure to hold up British and French convoys of nondismountable size underline Moscow's desire not to risk even a limited military confrontation.

The Russians are known to have acquired details of Allied plans for responding to interference with convoys, and probably believed that action to put these into effect was already under way on 5 November.

There have been no indications of any unusual measures being taken by the Soviet forces in East Germany or East German Army units, except for the deployment of Soviet personnel and vehicles in the immediate area of Marienborn.


Soviet leaders probably feel confident that this latest incident, together with the prospect of future incidents along the Autobahn, will underscore the urgency of political negotiations. They would hope at least to involve the Allies in talks on access controls and possibly on broader issues relating to West Berlin's status.

In this light, Soviet authorities probably will continue harassment of selected Allied convoys to demonstrate the wide gap which exists between their criteria for processing convoys and the Allied "harmonized procedures."

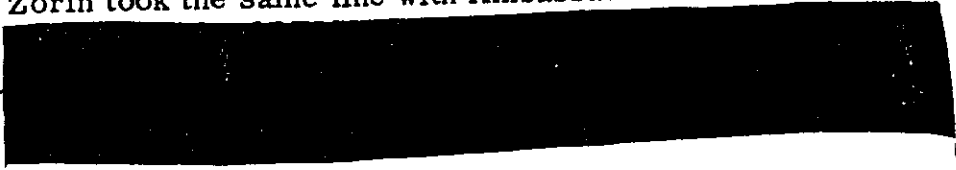
In his talk with Secretary Rusk on 4 November, Soviet Chargé Kornienko contended that there had been

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an "agreement" that troops will dismount from convoys of "more than five" vehicles. During last month's incident, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin took the same line with Ambassador Kohler



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