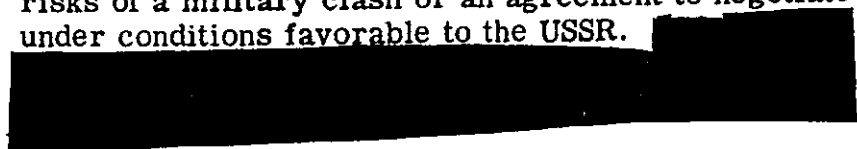


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\*USSR-Berlin: Khrushchev's remarks on 6 November to a group of American businessmen were designed not only to obscure the fact that the US convoy refused to comply with Soviet processing demands but also to generate increased concern in the West that future incidents on the Autobahn might lead to a dangerous military confrontation.

In reiterating the claim made by Soviet check-point authorities on 4 November that the USSR has the right to establish convoy inspection procedures, Khrushchev is trying to maintain the impasse on this issue in order to heighten the urgency of negotiations on the political level to remove this source of tension.

Khrushchev is again resorting to tactics he has used repeatedly over the course of the Berlin conflict. He is seeking to confront Western governments and public opinion with what is intended to appear as a choice between prospects of a new crisis carrying risks of a military clash or an agreement to negotiate under conditions favorable to the USSR.



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