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DAILY BRIEF

USSR-Berlin: Soviet leaders continue their efforts to document their claim that US military convoys have violated an alleged US-Soviet agreement on "established practices" respecting autobahn traffic.

On 7 November, in a conversation with Ambassador Kohler, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko referred to "an agreement concluded between the Allied military powers in 1945, specifying that military authorities should establish access procedure to be followed." He also referred to a specific communication sent in 1958 by General Zakharov to the US commanding general in West Germany. Gromyko maintained that "these were the basis of established practices respecting autobahn traffic."

Gromyko implied to Kohler that the Soviet Government was preparing a formal communication on the whole question of access. Such a statement might include a call for four-power talks on the immediate issues related to Allied access to West Berlin.

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