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p practiced Soviet principle to react "in natura" and with propaganda attacks against Berlin as a "NATO basis", launched recently by the Soviets with increasing violence. Possibly, they will - at least at first - hamper United States traffic to Berlin in order to provoke thus tensions between the three powers. For example, they might search the Allied military traffic for offensive arms, impede further transport of arms to Berlin and, generally, delay the traffic.

- (b) Hindrance of civilian German access to Berlin is likewise conceivable. This might be carried out by searching the traffic of goods for weapons, thus delaying the whole civilian traffic.

## II.

We would consider Soviet hampering of United States traffic to Berlin as an impediment to the Allied traffic as a whole. Every impediment, resulting as a Soviet reaction upon United States measures vis-a-vis Cuba, should, we hold, trigger corresponding counter-measures, as envisaged in the framework of the contingency planning.

We propose to consider as quickly as possible which concrete economic counter-measures would have to be taken in such a case. Since the Soviet action against the Berlin traffic has now to be looked upon in the context of the new international situation, the counter-measures should be directed not only against the Soviet occupied zone, but first of all against the Soviet Union and then, in addition against the Soviet block as a whole.

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In order to demonstrate and stress Western determination in the defense of their vital interests it would be highly desirable that counter-measures be instituted on a NATO-wide basis. A joint course of action by the Alliance in the field of counter-measures would convince unmistakably the Soviets of the determination of the West. END TEXT

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