

20 FEB: DURING A MEETING OF C/USMLM WITH C/SERB, C/SERB STATED THAT THIS WAS UNDER STUDY BY HQ USAREUR TOGETHER WITH THE MATTER OF LICENSE PLATES AND PAINTING OF SMLM VEHICLES TO CONFORM WITH MILITARY STANDARDS.

22 FEB: HQ USAREUR CONCURRED WITH A BRITISH PROPOSAL TO INFORM CHIEFS OF SOVIET MILITARY LIAISON MISSIONS THAT SOVIETS MISSIONS' VEHICLES WOULD BE PAINTED THE STANDARD SOVIET ARMY KHAKI CAMOUFLAGE COLOR.

24 FEB: CHIEF ALLIED CONTACT SECTION NOTIFIED C/SMLM-F THAT EFFECTIVE 1 MARCH ALL SMLM-F VEHICLES WOULD HAVE SOVIET NATIONAL EMBLEM ATTACHED TO THEIR LICENSE PLATES AND THAT ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THAT OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION WOULD BE PAINTED THE STANDARD SOVIET ARMY KHAKI CAMOUFLAGE COLOR.

C/USMLM WAS ADVISED TO BE PREPARED TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF CURTAINS AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE THREE ALLIED MISSIONS IN BERLIN.

25 FEB: HQ BAOR WAS ADVISED OF INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN C/USMLM.

26 FEB: C/ALLIED CONTACT SECTION CONTACTED C/SMLM TO DETERMINE PROGRESS IN MOUNTING SOVIET NATIONAL EMELEM ON LICENSE PLATES AND PAINTING OF VEHICLES. C/SMLM VOICED NO OBJECTION TO USE OF NATIONAL EMBLEM ON PLATES. WE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT PAINTING OF SEDANS A KHAKI CAMOUFLAGE CLOR WAS NOT IN CONFORMANCE WITH PRACTICES OF GSFG.

29 FEB. C/ALLIED CONTACT SECTION NOTIFIED C/SMLM-F THAT THE DEADLINE FOR PAINTING VEHICLES WAS EXTENDED TO 10 MARCH.

SOVIET NATIONAL EMBLEM WAS AFFIXED TO LICENSE PLATES OF SMLM-F VEHICLES.

IN RESPONSE TO BAOR PROPOSAL TO FIX A DATE FOR REMOVAL OF CURTAINS FROM VEHICLES, HQ USAREUR IN SX 2175 PROPOSED A COMPROMISE APPROACH ON REMOVING CURTAINS AND PAINTING VEHICLES. GP-4

ACTION TAKEN:

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**NO ACTION
REQUIRED**

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