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## ALLIES' HARMONIZED PROCEDURES FOR AUTOBAHN

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LEMNITZER PROPOSALS, 19 OCT 63, TOP SECRET SHLO 9-00085	AMBASSADORIAL GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON, 24 OCT 1963. State Outgoing to Bonn 1233 SECRET S/5	TEXT OF SUMMARY OF AGREED PROCEDURES TO BE SENT TO RUSSIANS - State Outgoing to Bonn 1233, 24 Oct 63, SECRET S/5
<b>ADVANCE NOTIFICATION</b>		
Approved SHLO 9-00085 with following changes.		
1. Give advance notification for convoys of 8 or more vehicles.  2. Prior notification will be given orally not later than 15 minutes before arrival of convoy at Soviet checkpoint and not earlier than 12 hours before.	1. Unchanged  2. Prior notification will be given orally not later than 15 minutes before arrival of convoy at Soviet checkpoint. (Provision for notification not earlier than 12 hours before was dropped). Allies also agreed that this provision would not alter existing self imposed restraints on sending convoys containing six or seven vehicles.	1. Not mentioned  2. Not mentioned
<b>DISMOUNTING</b>		
1. Drivers, co-drivers, and, in the case of specialized vehicles, other crew members are not considered to be passengers. Drivers, co-drivers and crew members do not dismount in any case.  2. Buses whether travelling singly or as part of a convoy will not dismount.  3. Other single vehicles will not dismount except that those vehicles with 10 or more passengers will be prepared to dismount.  4. Any convoy with more than 30 passengers (not counting bus passengers) will be prepared to dismount.  5. Convoys with 30 passengers or less (not counting bus passengers) will not dismount, except that individual vehicles with 10 or more passengers, within the convoy, will be prepared to dismount.  6. Dismounting for headcount (if requested by a Soviet checkpoint officer) will be carried out under the following conditions:  7. Dismounting will be executed on order of the Allied convoy commander and not of a Soviet officer.  8. Allied convoy commander will determine where the troops should form for headcount, taking into account considerations of the danger of excessive public displays.  9. In event troops dismounted for headcount are photographed or exposed to propaganda broadcasts, distribution of propaganda pamphlets, other forms of propaganda or otherwise harassed, they will promptly remount.  10. Headcount in no case will exceed 15 minutes in duration. Otherwise troops will remount.  11. Dismounting will not be performed in inclement weather (extreme cold, rain, snow, etc.)	1. Drivers, co-drivers and crew members do not dismount for headcount.  2. Unchanged  3. Unchanged  4. Unchanged  5. Unchanged  6. Unchanged  7. Unchanged  8. Unchanged  9. Unchanged  10. Unchanged  11. Unchanged	1. Not mentioned  2. Buses, whether traveling singly or as part of a convoy will not dismount.  3. Not mentioned  4. In any convoy with more than 30 passengers (i.e. exclusive of drivers, assistant drivers and, in the case of specialized vehicles, other crew members), the passengers will be prepared to dismount for headcount.  5. Convoys with 30 passengers or less will not dismount for headcount, except that individual vehicles with 10 or more passengers, in the convoy, will be prepared to do so.  6. Dismounting for headcount will be carried out under the following conditions:  7. Dismount will be executed on order of the Allied convoy commander.  8. The Allied convoy commander will determine where the troops should form for headcount.  9. In the event troops dismounted for headcount are photographed or exposed to propaganda broadcasts, distribution of propaganda pamphlets, or other forms of propaganda, or are otherwise harassed, they will promptly remount.  10. Headcount will be performed expeditiously. Otherwise the troops will remount.  11. Dismounting will not be performed in inclement weather.
<b>INSPECTION</b>		
1. British and French tailgates which are too high to see over will be lowered on request.  2. Only convoy commanders identity card will be presented to the Soviets together with freight documents.	1. On vehicles carrying passengers, tailgates the tops of which are over six feet from the ground will be lowered at Soviet request. No tailgate six feet or lower will be lowered.  2. Unchanged	1. On vehicles carrying passengers, the Allied convoy commander will be prepared to lower tailgates the tops of which are over six feet from the ground. No tailgate six feet or lower will be lowered.

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