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*USSR-Berlin: Moscow may use the anniversary of the erection of the Berlin Wall on 13 August to try to impress the West with the bloc's determination to defend East Germany. The Soviets may also announce plans on that date for convening a conference to conclude a peace treaty with the GDR. A Czech Government chauffeur [redacted] was forced to change his vacation plans so that he could drive three Czech generals to East Berlin on 10 August. He stated that the officers were to take part in a "special parade and announcement on 13 August concerning the peace treaty."

In recent weeks, Moscow has gone to some lengths to convince the West that if there is no progress toward a negotiated agreement on Berlin, the bloc will go through with its threat to sign a separate peace treaty. Evidence is insufficient, however, to conclude that Khrushchev now has decided to abandon the cautious approach which has characterized Soviet policy on this issue and to proceed unilaterally to conclude such a treaty. [redacted]

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