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DAILY BRIEF

Berlin: On the eve of the first anniversary of the Berlin Wall, the bloc has stepped up its propaganda campaign charging that West Berlin is an espionage center and source of tension. Moscow is claiming that Western plans for 13 August--including West German President Luebke's participation in the ceremonies--constitute "a noisy revanchist demonstration" and a "provocation." This propaganda has not hinted at any specific bloc moves against Berlin in connection with the anniversary. [REDACTED] Following extensive and apparently successful alert exercises last weekend, security precautions by East German security and police forces surrounding the city are at a high level. [REDACTED]

Party leader Ulbricht and Acting Premier Stoph have been in the USSR since 1 August. The US Embassy in Moscow believes that they will be seeing Khrushchev extensively during their concurrent Black Sea vacations, but doubts that they met him during their three-day stay in Kiev. Stoph's presence was registered in a 9 August article in Izvestia dealing with the need for a peace treaty. Stoph said that developments "show more and more clearly that the conclusion of a treaty cannot be postponed any longer," but he did not provide any indication of Soviet plans in this connection. [REDACTED]

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