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Berlin: Aerial reconnaissance of the Berlin area carried out on 11 August revealed no evidence of a buildup of Soviet or East German military forces, but during the day there was a limited increase in East German security forces along the US and British sector borders. A few Soviet troops manned observation posts atop the Brandenburg Gate and at the Bornholmer Strasse S-Bahn Station, while East Berlin border patrols reportedly were intensified and strengthened during the night of 11 August. The high state of readiness of East German security forces, coupled with bloc diplomatic and propaganda allegations of Western "provocations," seems to reflect a primarily defensive posture. West Berlin police are erecting barriers to keep crowds away from the wall, and no mass observances of the Berlin Wall anniversary today are planned in the Western sector of the city [REDACTED]

West German Foreign Ministry officials do not anticipate any unilateral Soviet move to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany in the near future. This view probably is based in part on the optimistic reports of interzonal trade negotiator Leopold, who was assured by his East German counterpart that no new passport or visa requirements would be imposed during 13-14 August on West German travelers to West Berlin. [REDACTED]

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