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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
FROM : Chairman, USIB Berlin Subcommittee
SUBJECT : Frequency of USIB Berlin Subcommittee Reports

Recommendation: USIB direct that Berlin Subcommittee report on a weekly basis during the present phase of the Berlin crisis.

1. The Berlin Subcommittee met last on 19 September and reported its conclusions to USIB on 21 September. The next meeting is presently scheduled for 17 October following the established monthly pattern.

2. Since 19 September the ~~OCI~~ CIA support element of the Subcommittee has stepped up its dissemination of its periodic chronology of events concerning the Berlin situation from a monthly to a weekly basis.

3. At USIB on 21 September the subject of discontinuing the Subcommittee was raised and briefly discussed with decision pending a check with the DCI. Reasoning for discontinuing was based on the present proliferation of current USIB reporting and analysis on the situation: (1) Daily through the CIB; (2) Weekly through the Watch Committee; (3) Periodically--as requested--through the NIE and SNIE machinery.

4. I believe that USIB should either discontinue the Subcommittee or direct it to report on a weekly basis during the present phase of the crisis. I favor the latter for the following reasons:

- a. A weekly report from the Subcommittee would fill a gap between the CIB and the SNIE;
- b. This gap is not adequately filled by the Watch Committee which perforce examines the situation mainly from the viewpoint of the likelihood of hostilities. This "Watch" function does not

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permit detailed examination of the USSR's political tactics aimed at a negotiated solution in which the likelihood of hostilities is but one of the pressures being utilized.

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