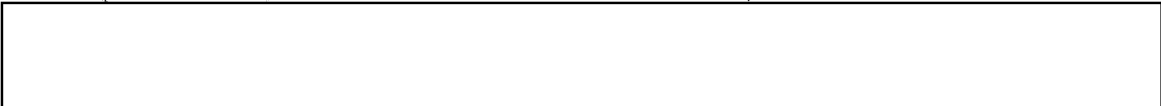


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1. On 3 July 1948, Police President Markgraf instructed all central police authorities that in the future the reports on police activities need no longer be submitted to the occupying powers. Reports will be prepared as before but copies will be sent only to the Dezernat number one of the Police Präsidium.
2. On the same day, Markgraf issued written instructions forbidding police authorities, specifically members of central headquarters, to have official contact with representatives of the Allied Powers except on specific instructions from the police president. Furthermore, central headquarters officials were forbidden to participate in conferences and meetings called by Allied authorities. The only exception to this rule applies to police officials who are permitted to deal with the authorities of the sector where they are on duty.
3. On 4 July, the Sector Police, acting on instructions from Markgraf, attempted to move vehicles and supplies from the police warehouse and motor pool in the American Sector. This was prevented by the quick action of US Sector Police.
4. Two days later, Dahler, Inspector of the Schutzpolizei, reported that during the past three days officials of the Brandenburg Police and the GAI attended conferences in the headquarters of the Berlin Schutzpolizei.
5. On 6 July, Chief of Police Communications Kliesch was ordered by Soviet Lt. Colonel Koteshev to move his organization into the new building. Kliesch stated that his office was subordinate only to the Allied Kommandatura; therefore, he could not accept the Soviet order as valid. Koteshev replied that the Kommandatura was non-existent; that the Police Präsidium and subordinate officers were subject to Soviet orders only. Kliesch was warned that, unless the move was accomplished before 12 July, he would be tried before a Soviet Military Court.
6. Magistrate commandants called a meeting for the afternoon of 8 July to consider the police situation. The western commandants will meet with public safety officers on 9 July to consider counter-measures.

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