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TOPIC Screening Exercise at the Peenemuende-Karlshagen Restricted Area

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1. At 6 p.m. on 28 August 1951, source observed a screening exercise in the Karlshagen-Peenemuende restricted area from Zinnowitz (54004°30'N/13055°E). The beach in the area east and northeast of the restricted area near Karlshagen (54006°40'N/13049°30'E) was screened.
2. Gas containers similar to acetylene containers were used to lay the smoke screen. No vessels were employed in connection with this operation. One of the containers which could be observed near the restricted area on the road between Zinnowitz and Karlshagen pointed obliquely upwards like a gun barrel. Two Russian soldiers, one of them armed with a carbine, were seen near this container. The emission of the smoke or artificial fog was not observed nor was it possible to determine the number of gas containers used for the screening operation.
3. The artificial fog emitted extended vertically into the air like a curtain. There were two smoke walls, each about 300 meters wide and 15 to 20 meters deep with a smoke-free zone between the two walls. There was a dead calm at that time.
4. The two smoke walls could be observed from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No traces of this artificial fog were observed from Zinnowitz in the morning of 29 August. *

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- * ☐ Comment. To date, screening exercises of this kind have not been observed in the Peenemuende-Karlshagen area. The formation of vertical smoke walls is remarkable; horizontal surface screening is the usual method of protecting essential objects in war time. This screening exercise was probably made in connection with the Soviet airfield in Peenemuende where a jet plane regiment was stationed in August 1951. No screening of the Greifswald Bodden and the Peene River was observed so that the airfield was screened from vision only toward the northeast.

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