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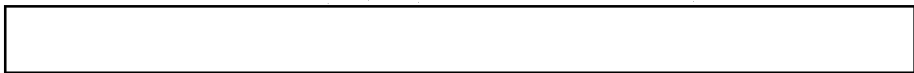
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1. The compound borders. The compound is surrounded by an iron mesh fence 2.30 to 2.50 meters high. The main entrance is located in Köpenicker Allee about 100 meters southeast of its junction with Waldow Allee. From there, the fence runs southwest, cuts Waldow Allee and follows the south side of a small street called Rolandseck until its junction with Rheingold Street. Here the fence swings in a right angle and cuts Rolandseck. It then follows the back side of a block of buildings in the shape of an obtuse angle on Rolandseck (north) and Waldow Allee (west). At the north end of this block, the fence reaches Waldow Allee again, about 50 meters northwest of the point where it cuts this street. The mentioned block of buildings, as well as those sections of Rolandseck and Waldow Allee which are bordered by the block, remain outside the compound.

The fence follows Waldow Allee (west) northwest, leaving the Allee outside the compound but including its western sidewalk. One hundred meters farther, the fence swings around a block of buildings which has the shape of a reversed V whose two legs are located on Waldow Allee (west) and Treskow Allee (east); the apex of the reversed V is located about 50 meters south of the junction of these two streets. The fence continues from there due south along Treskow Allee (east) so that the Allee itself remains outside the compound, whereas its east sidewalk is included in it.

After about 300 meters, the fence reaches the junction of Treskow Allee and Rheinsteir and Ehrenfels Streets, which join the Allee in a sharp angle on its east side. There, an entrance is located which stretches across the junction from Rheinsteir (north) to Ehrenfels (south) Streets. The fence continues south for about 90 meters until it reaches Stolzenfels Street (north). At the junction of Treskow Allee (east) and Stolzenfels Street (north) there is a building, formerly a German dance hall called Deutsches Haus, which is now a Russian opera house. This building constitutes the compound border at the junction; the fence is interrupted along the Treskow Allee and Stolzenfels fronts of the building. The building itself, which has the shape of an obtuse angle, is in the compound.

The fence starts again at the southeast end of the building, cuts across Stolzenfels Street to its south sidewalk, there turns at a right angle

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and follows Stolzenfels Street (south) for about 550 meters, including the street in the compound but leaving its south sidewalk outside. At the junction of Stolzenfels and Lorelei Streets, the fence turns northeast at a right angle and follows Lorelei Street, including the street in the compound but leaving its east sidewalk outside. After about 180 meters, the fence reaches a single building on Lorelei Street (east). Here the fence crosses the east sidewalk, goes around the building, including it in the compound, recrosses the sidewalk and again follows Lorelei Street (east) to Waldow Allee (east).

There it turns in an obtuse angle and follows Waldow Allee (east), including the Allee in the compound, but leaving outside a narrow pedestrians' walk on its east side. At a point about 75 meters southeast of Rheinstein Street, the fence swings northeast at a right angle and follows a course approximately parallel to Rheinstein Street, including the garden terrain southeast of Rheinstein in the compound. After the fence reaches Köpenicker Allee (south) it turns southeast for about 80 meters; here is an entrance across Köpenicker Allee, which is about 750 meters southeast of the main entrance on the same allee, mentioned above. From the entrance, the fence continues northeast for about 150 meters, turns southeast for about 60 meters, excluding from the compound a block of buildings located near the turn, and swings northeast again for about 80 meters, until it reaches an unimproved road in an area called Sandwiste Biesdorf. A control point is located on this unimproved road about 100 meters southeast from its junction with Zwieseler Street.

At the unimproved road, the fence turns east for about 200 meters, then turns northwest and continues for approximately 800 meters through open terrain east of the former German Pionierkasernen complex. At the northeast corner of this complex, the fence swings west and continues parallel to the north side of the complex to Zwieseler Street; an entrance is located here in the immediate neighborhood of a German wartime air raid shelter of the Hochbunker type. The fence continues along Rbnerweg (south), leaving the road outside the compound, to its junction with Ohm Krüger Street.

Turning south, the fence follows the west side of Ohm Krüger for about 60 meters, then turns west and continues along the south side of a road connecting Ohm Krüger Street and Dewet Allee. It then swings southeast and continues for about 120 meters until it reaches a sharp bend in Dewet Allee. From there, it winds at a distance between 20 and 50 meters east from Ohm Krüger Street until it reaches Köpenicker Allee and the main entrance.

## 2. Inside the compound.

a. The entire compound is divided into three administrative sectors. Sector I, forming the south part of the compound, lies between the south part of the fence, that part of Rheinstein Street which is located between Treskow Allee and Waldow Allee, and a small piece of Waldow Allee from its Rheinstein Street intersection to the fence. The northernmost sector, III, is between the fence and that part of Köpenicker Allee which is located between the two entrances. Sector II is the central compound area located between I and III.

b. Heavily guarded buildings. The Antonius hospital, located in the area between Arber Street, Dewet Allee, Neuwieder Street and Köpenicker Allee (sector III) was formerly the seat of the Russian administration. It is now occupied by the Russian Security Police. All basement windows are protected by bars. It is surrounded by a wire fence.

The building located at the corner of Ehrenfels (south) and Andernacher (east) Streets in sector I (Andernacher Strasse 13 and 14) also belongs to the Security Police. It is an interrogation center.

The corner of Marksburg Allee (north) and Waldow Allee (west) in sector II is occupied by a building which is permanently under heavy guard. Germans in possession of the regular compound pass cannot enter it without special authorization. The same regulation applies to house #2 on Weseler Street (west) between Bopparder and Godesberg Streets in sector II.

The Russian opera house at the corner of Treskow Allee (east) and Stolzenfels Street (north) is guarded by permanent guards and patrols, because the fence is interrupted here.

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c. Russian administration. Seat of the Soviet Control Commission is a big building, #19, on Grafenauer Street in sector III which fills most of the rectangular area between the latter street, Bodemer Street, Zwieseler Street, and Dewet Allee. The Russian administration moved there in 1949 from Antonius hospital. The building was constructed in 1948 and 1949 under the direction of the Russian construction and accommodation service KETCH. The project was called "Construction Project A". In the garden between Grafenauer Strasse 19 and Zwieseler Street, approximately opposite the center of the building, there is a large incinerator for the burning of documents.

Approximately in the center of that section of Zwieseler Street (west) which is located between Dewet Allee and Bodemer Street, is the office of Lt. Col. (fnu) Lutzow who is in charge of all administrative and military buildings in the compound.

The second floor of a big building at the corner of Rheinsteiner (north) and Königswinter (west) Streets in sector II is occupied by the construction and accommodation service, KETCH; the Russian Foreign Trade Department occupies the higher stories. KETCH was headed by Col. (fnu) Mosorov who supervised "Construction Project A" until 17 January 1952 when he and his wife were arrested for unknown reasons. It is now headed by Lt. Col. (fnu) Bessedin.

Two buildings on Ehrenfels Street (north) between its Waldow Allee and Drachenfels Street junctions (in sector I) are the Russian Post and Telegraph Office.

A Russian Finance Office is located in a house on Königswinter (east) street, bordering the Kulturpark which has an open air theatre. The main Russian Finance Office, however, is located in the administrative building Grafenauer Strasse 19.

The house located at the corner of Marksburg Allee (south) and Rheingold Street (west) (Marksburgallee #48) in sector II is occupied by a Russian dispensary for administrative personnel.

Drachenfels (east) Street #10 and 11 houses the Russian censorship service for the Tägliche Rundschau, the Russian-sponsored newspaper in Germany.

d. Russian military command. The supreme command of the Russian occupation forces in Germany is located in the complex of the former German Pionierkaserne bordering directly on Zwieseler Street (East) in sector III. The complex consists of a number of buildings of various sizes. At the south-west corner of the complex there is a T-shaped building whose main axis extends from southwest to northeast. This house contains General Chuikov's offices. The main office room therein has the designation "Marshall Cabinet"; it was formerly used by Sokolovski. The biggest piece of furniture in the Marshall Cabinet is a large desk with a folding door which can be opened by pressing a button. The door conceals a switchboard with direct telephone connections to places inside and outside the Soviet Zone.

Chuikov has another office in the administrative building Grafenauer Strasse 19 which is draped with silk tapestry and has accommodations for overnight's stay. He no longer has a private villa in Karlshorst (his villa is in Eabelsberg), since he has derequisitioned his former private residence, Villa Kapelle, on Warmbader Street (south) outside the compound.

North of Chuikov's office building there is a large building extending north-south with a front of about 130 meters; it is the southernmost building in the second row of Pionierkaserne buildings, counted from Zwieseler Street. This building houses the offices of Chuikov's chiefs of staff. It is called Staff Building (Stabsgebäude).

e. Other buildings. Rheingold Street #'s 36 to 39 contain private residences for Russian consular officials.

Most of the houses located along the sides of a quadrangle formed by Waldow Allee, Marksburg Allee, Rheingold and Rheinsteiner Streets, in sector II are private residences for high Russian officials and officers. The private residences of Political Advisor Semionov and Gen. Pratin were among them, but it is not known whether they are still there.

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A guest house for prominent foreign visitors is located on Rheinstejn Street (south) opposite its Honrefer Street junction. The triangle-shaped block of buildings surrounded by Andernacher, Ehrenfels and Königswinter Streets in sector 1 has been transformed into a hotel for visitors.

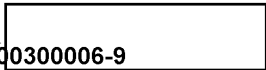
3. Outside the compound. The houses #'s 1 and 3 on Waldow Allee (east) are occupied by the German Volkspolizei and the SSD. Waldow Allee #15 houses a Russian pass service where Propusk's for entry into the compound are issued.

A Russian Information Bureau is located at Rolandseck 2 to 4. It is permanently guarded by German guards.

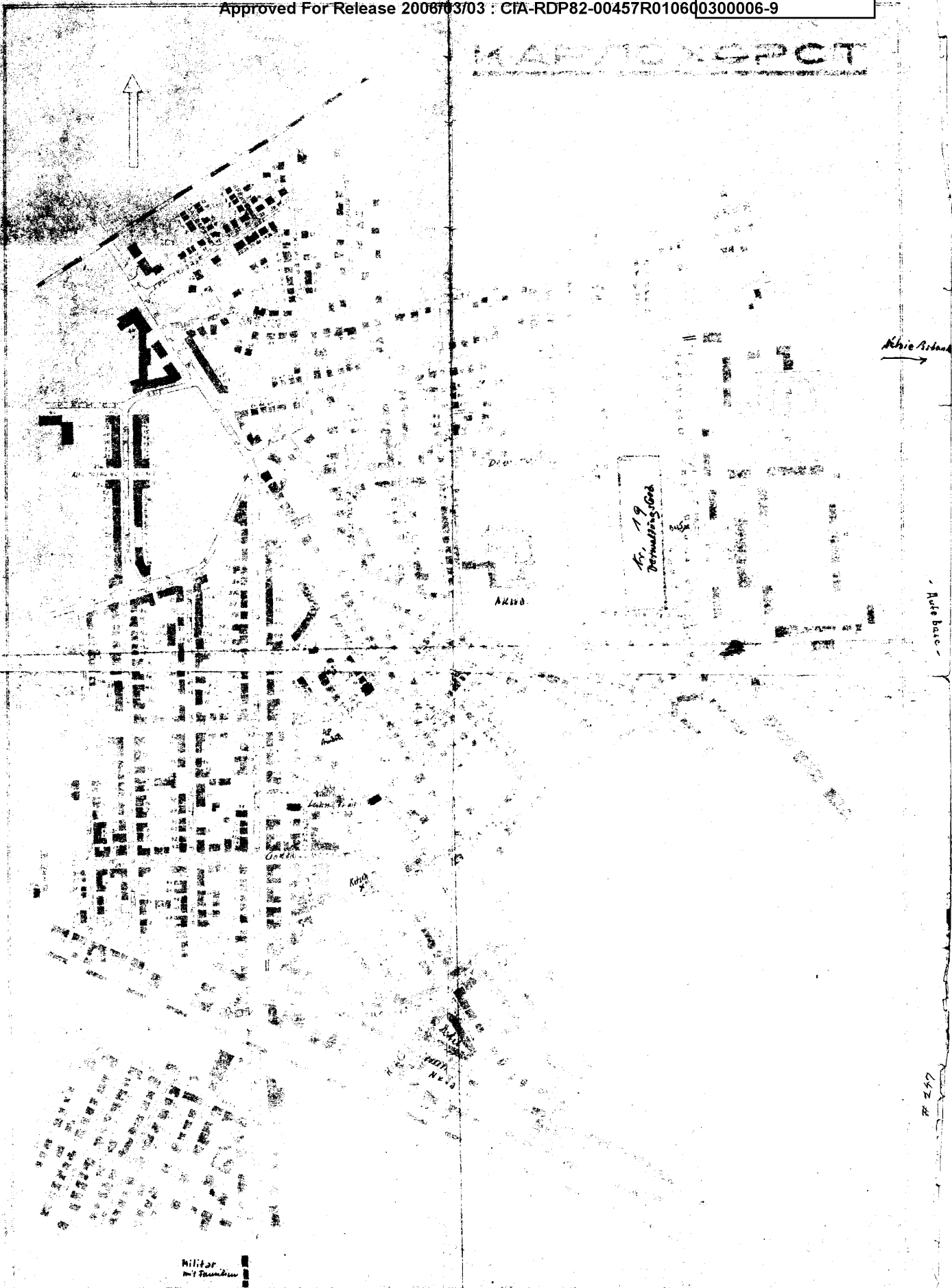
Five to six hundred meters south of the compound, there is an area between Treskow Allee and the Karlshorst race course. "Guard Battalion Berlin" is stationed in this area. The buildings along Treskow Allee in the northern part of this area are quarters for officers of Guard Battalion Berlin.

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