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***THE STATUS OF THE BERLIN WALL
APRIL 1962***

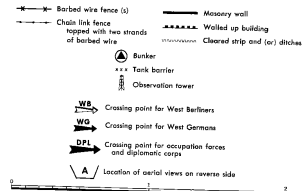


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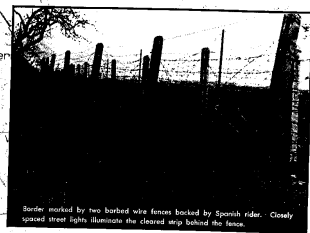
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BERLIN WALL

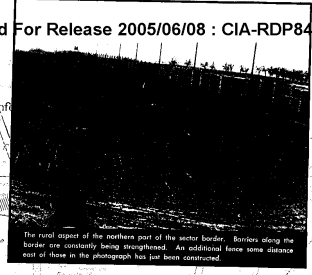
The military barriers that comprised the Berlin Wall through February 1962, as shown in CIA-RDP 84-00825R000100240001-9, have been further strengthened. Changes are still being made but most are relatively minor in character and affect the permeability rather than the functioning of the wall. This map shows the types of barriers along different segments of the Soviet sector border as of about 6 April 1962. The photographs were taken at various dates through March 1962.



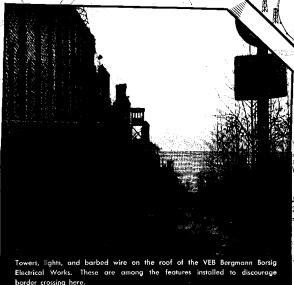
Scale map - 1:62,500 (approx. 1:62,500) 1:62,500
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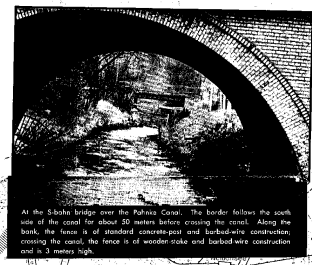
Barrier marked by two barbed wire fences flanked by Spanish rider. Closely spaced street lights illuminate the cleared strip behind the fence.



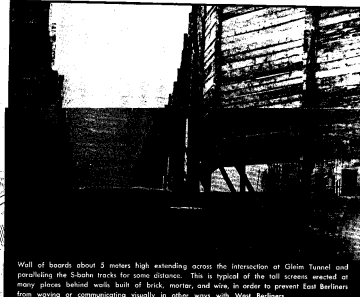
The aerial aspect of the northern part of the sector border. Barriers along the border are constantly being strengthened. An additional fence some distance east of these in the photograph has just been constructed.



Towers, lights, and barbed wire on the roof of the VEB Bergmann-Börig Electrical Works. These are among the features installed to discourage border crossing here.



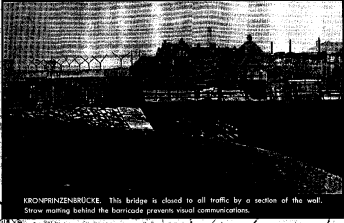
At the S-Bahn bridge over the Palmsa Canal, the border follows the south side of the canal for about 10 meters before crossing the road. Along the bank, the fence is of standard concrete-post and barbed-wire construction crossing the canal, the fence is of wooden stake and barbed wire construction and is 3 meters high.



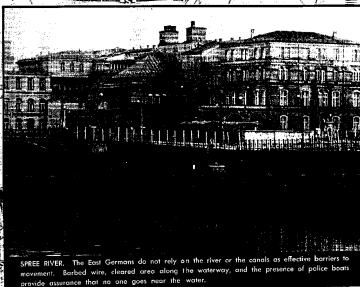
Wall of boards about 3 meters high extending across the intersection of Glien Tunnel and straddling the S-Bahn tracks for some distance. This is typical of the rail sections erected at many places behind walls built of brick, mortar, and wire in order to prevent East Berliners from working or communicating visually in other ways with West Berliners.



CHAUSSÉE: The sewer cover helps to emphasize the traffic pattern around the obstacles. The barriers are designed to prevent vehicles on to control entry into East Berlin.



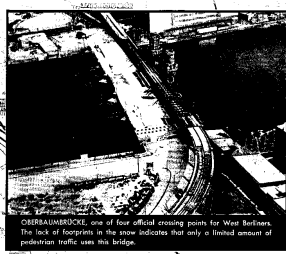
KÖNIGSWITZERBRÜCKE: This bridge is closed to all traffic by a section of the wall. Street lighting behind the barriers prevents visual communication.



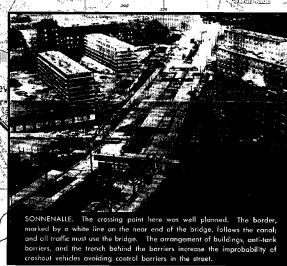
WIESE RIVER: The East Germans do not rely on the river or the canals as effective barriers to movement. Barbed wire, cleared area along the waterway, and the presence of police boats provide assurance that no one goes near the water.



FRIEDRICHSTRASSE: the authorized crossing point for members of the diplomatic corps. Some political, military, and economic skirmishes have here. There is a significant hearing on the future of Berlin or even of all Germany.



OSBRÄUMBRÜCKE: one of four official crossing points for West Berliners. The lack of footprints in the snow indicates that only a limited amount of pedestrian traffic uses this bridge.



SONNENALLE: The crossing point here was well planned. The border, marked by a white line on the rear end of the bridge, follows the normal and oil traffic must use the bridge. The arrangement of buildings, anti-tank barriers, and the trench behind the barriers increase the improbability of casual vehicles crossing control barriers on the street.



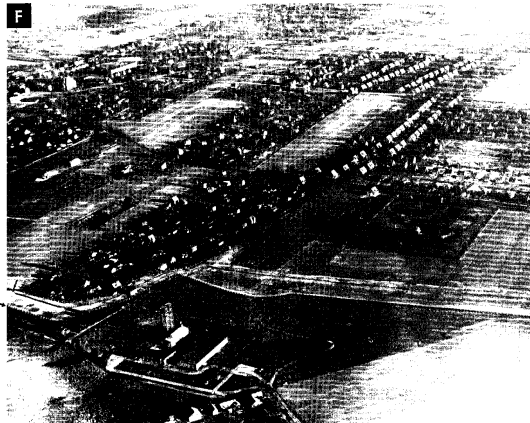
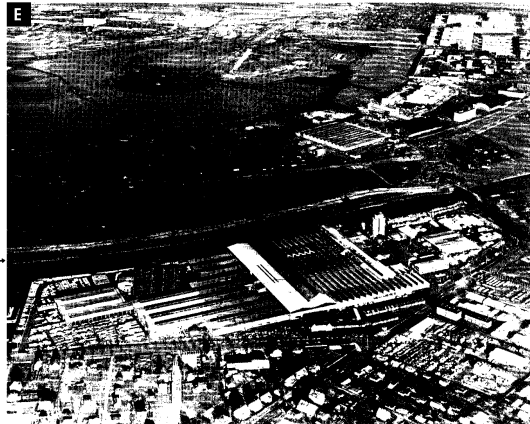
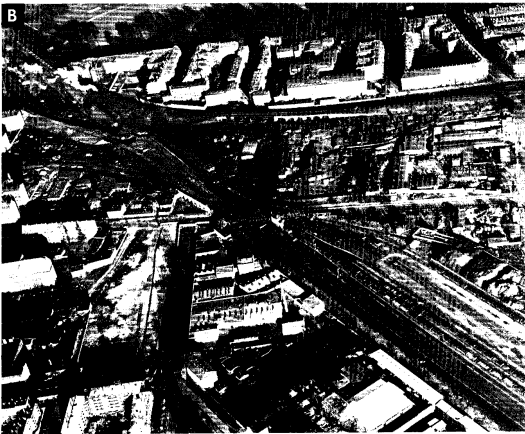
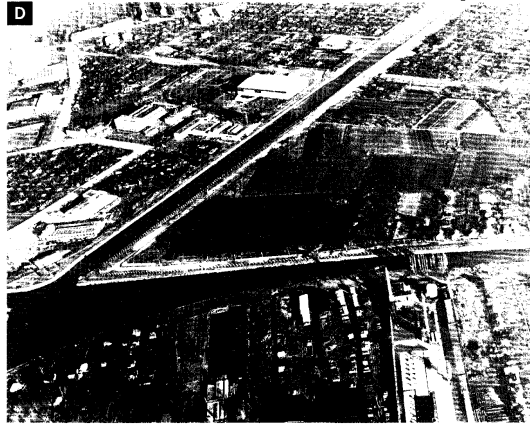
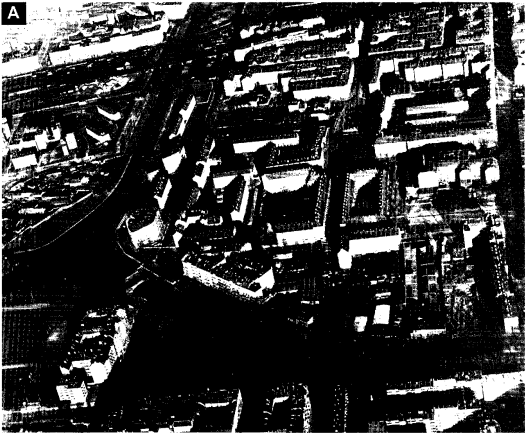
RUDOW: This view shows the general character of the area at the southern end of the sector border. Road barriers and fences form the wall here. The wall once follows just east of the ditch.

OBSERVATION TOWERS ALONG THE SECTOR BORDER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN

- Between Blankenfelder Chaussee and Schildow Weg (Lubars) - (25 Nov. 1961).
- At the curve in Hauptstrasse in Rosenfeld 600m from the sector boundary.
- In the factory area of VEB Bergmann-Börig northeast of S-Bahnhof Wilmannsruh there are 4 towers (2 are old, the third was put up about 3 Oct. 1961, the 4th was put up about 21 Nov. 1961).
- Just northeast of the S-Bahnhof Wallankasse (12 Dec. 1961).
- In the cemetery 200m north of Sandringbrücke (5 Nov. 1961).
- On the drainage canal between Friedrichs- and Treptower Brücke (15 Nov. 1961).
- At Treptower Brücke (17 Nov. 1961).
- Jahnkeplatz (28 Nov. 1961).
- Treptow the corner of Heidelberger Strasse (5 Dec. 1961).
- Hofen Britz (9 Sept. 1961).
- Between Mosanna Brücke and Ernst Keller Brücke about 400m from the Teltow Canal (11 Jan. 1962).
- 300m north of Mosanna Brücke (15 Dec. 1961).
- Near Dankowstrasse opposite the US Army installation in Rudow (Sept. 1961).
- 500 northeast of the junction of Dauptsholer Strasse with the sector boundary (Rudow) (12 Sept. 1961).

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The following aerial photos show the variety of types of areas through which the Berlin sector boundary passes - ranging from densely settled to sparsely settled; from primarily residential through industrial and commercial to small garden settlements and areas of truck gardening and chicken farming. In some places the border follows canals, roads, or railroads and in others crosses them. The photos are keyed by letter to the map on the reverse side; the portions of the border covered are indicated by brackets. At the margins of the pictures, the wall is indicated by arrows.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: ORR Study of Berlin Wall

1. Several weeks ago an ORR Geographic Study of the Berlin Wall was received by the Berlin Task Force and greatly appreciated. At the time the Task Force requested an updating of this study and its reissue classified no higher than "Official Use Only" if at all possible. Distribution by the Task Force both in the U.S. and to members of the Quadripartite Subgroups would thereby be possible.

2. I would like therefore to request that a second edition of the Study on the Berlin wall be made, to include information up to 31 March. The map information should be brought up to date and completed. The text should be omitted or should cover only such matters as would be of particular interest to persons who have been working for some time on the Berlin problem. (The text of the original edition was a good introduction to the Berlin wall but not particularly needed by persons who have been working on the problem.) Photographs, if any, should also be brought up to date or, if anything, made more numerous in lieu of text.

3. I would appreciate being notified of an approximate completion date for this revision, which should be forwarded to the Berlin Task Force [Redacted]

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