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1. Gen CHEKMAZOV takes offence

In a conversation on 22 Feb 56, Gen CHEKMAZOV spoke to Col YULUSOV (Int Dte, HQ, GSFG) complaining that he had as yet received no ticket for the Red Army Day reception. YULUSOV however assured him that KOTSUBA had given personal instructions that tickets were to be sent to him and to KONOVALOV. YULUSOV suggested that CHEKMAZOV ring KOTSUBA direct about it, but CHEKMAZOV declined to do so. A subsequent conversation on 24 Feb 56, after the reception, showed that Gen CHEKMAZOV had indeed received his invitation only an hour before the reception and had been extremely offended as a result. For him, as he said, it was a matter of "honour". If they thought that he, CHEKMAZOV, was going to apply to them for an invitation, they were wrong. It was up to them to give him one. So he and his wife had refused to go. After all, a woman must have time to iron her dress, and he himself had to tidy himself up, wash and brush his hair. However, he had attended such receptions before and they did not particularly interest him anyhow. But it was a question of "honour".

Comment: P.N. CHEKMAZOV is Chief of a GSFG Int Dte element in BERLIN. V.I. KONOVALOV is also in an Int Dte element in BERLIN; it is not certain whether or not he is subordinate to CHEKMAZOV. YULUSOV is Dep Chief, GSFG Int Dte, and I.A. KOTSUBA is on the staff of the Soviet Garrison, BERLIN. A reception marking Soviet Army-Navy Day was held on 23 Feb 56 in the Soviet Embassy, BERLIN.

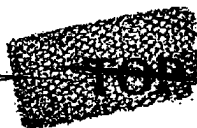
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2. Red Passes

On 7-8 Mar 56 Gen DIBROVA told Col SOCHIENKO that some of the latter's engineers had arrived in two cars, but that there was a pass only for one. On being told that they had a red pass, DIBROVA explained that it was now laid down that those with red passes had the right to carry as many passengers in their car as they wished, but had not the right to a pass for more than one car.

Comment: Red passes permit certain GSFG personnel to have unrestricted movement within East Germany. Maj X Gen P.A. DIBROVA is Comd of the Soviet Garrison, BERLIN; and SOCHIENKO may be identical with the X Col SOCHIENKO who is Dep Chief, GSFG Bks Svcs Dte.

3. Controls at POTSDAM Bridge

On 13/14 Mar 56 Lt Col KOSTYLEV, responsible for frontier control, BERLIN Garrison, asked Maj MAGLENA if he had received the list of those people to be passed through the POTSDAM Bridge control point, and emphasised that the Chief's orders were to allow through only those on the list and to turn back anyone whose name did not appear there. KOSTYLEV then added that MAGLENA should inform him immediately if he had to turn anyone back. At the same time KOSTYLEV asked MAGLENA to let Col SERGEEV know of these orders of the general so that he might report any changes in the list to "the Military Commandant", and thus avoid any confusion. KOSTYLEV repeated that no name should be included in or omitted from the list - everything was to go through "our General", who would be furious if changes were made without his knowledge. Later, MAGLENA told Col POMAZANOVSKII, CoS, BERLIN Garrison, of his unsatisfactory talk with Col SERGEEV, who had pointed out that he could not give permanent lists; they were valid for only one day; there were always new people and he could not possibly report every change to the Military Commandant. SERGEEV told MAGLENA that he would be going to see the CoS at GSFG, where the matter would be settled. POMAZANOVSKII and MAGLENA agreed that, in spite of SERGEEV, they would carry out the general's orders and refuse to pass through any whose names did not appear on the list.

Comment: X Maj MAGLENA is CoS of 154 Indep Garrison Bn, GROSS GLIENICKE. The Special Services Dept. of the Ops Dte, subordinate to the GSFG CoS, is responsible for frontier control. X SERGEEV, Col Chief of the External Relations Section, issues passes to military missions.

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