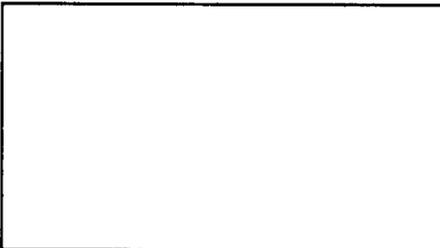


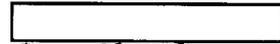
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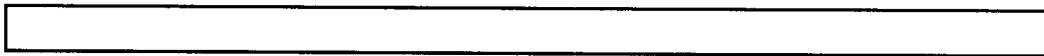
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USSR-Berlin: Major General Zakharov's replacement by Colonel Solovyev as the USSR's Berlin commandant will--unless Solovyev is promoted--reduce the Berlin command to the level of other Soviet city garrisons in East Germany, which are customarily headed by colonels. Solovyev's rank and the circumstances surrounding this shift suggest the USSR is continuing to dissociate itself from the four-power control mechanism in Berlin and may have decided to strip its Berlin Kommandatura of its special quadripartite functions and responsibilities deriving from the occupation status of the city.

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**CONCLUSIONS OF SPECIAL USIB SUBCOMMITTEE ON BERLIN SITUATION**

The USIB has approved the following conclusions reached by its Special Berlin Subcommittee which reviewed the situation for the period 11 April 1961 through 8 May 1961:

1. There are suggestions in Soviet and bloc official statements that the USSR is preparing the ground for a formal diplomatic initiative on the Berlin problem and that the Berlin situation will become increasingly spotlighted in the coming months. The Soviet call for a resumption of negotiations could come at any time. Khrushchev himself, however, used a 24 April conversation with West German Ambassador Kroll to offset any impression that he felt committed to a showdown on Berlin before the Soviet party congress in October, thereby extending his previously vague but implicit "deadline" of not waiting for the West German elections in September.

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2. There have been no significant developments adversely affecting access to Berlin and East Berlin during the period covered by this report.

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