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FBIS 46 -- for the East Germans (broadcast in German language)

In a broadcast item commenting on Vice President Johnson's visit, the East Berlin radio commented:

"In order to calm down the West Germans at the same time (the time of Johnson's visit), the White House yesterday announced a symbolic reenforcement of the Berlin garrison with a few U.S. units."

CIA interprets this as an East German reaction tending to minimize the mevement of the troops and reenforces the idea that the movement will be unopposed.