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This morning D/A noted that the rotation of troops between East Germany and Czechoslovakia appeared imminent.

They noted that units of the Group of Soviet Forces Germany appeared to be preparing to withdraw from Czechoslovakia and that they might be replaced with units from the USSR.

The movement of an unidentified tank division from Southern East Germany to Bernau would be consistent with this ~~estimate~~ ^{estimate}.

Normally there is a Soviet motorized division stationed at Bernau. The reported movement could merely be this motorized division returning to its home station. It could be a tank division moving to this location.

There is no evidence to indicate any intention to threaten Berlin.

Nevertheless the movement of this unit does increase the Communist capability against Berlin - although they probably had enough force in the area before this movement.

From: General Ginsburg

To: The President

Ref: Berlin

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