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ON MORNING OF MAY 1 TRAIN COMMANDER OF US EASTBOUND FRANKFURT-BERLIN DUTY TRAIN FOUND THAT EAST GERMAN LOCOMOTIVE ATTACHED AT POTSDAM WAS CARRYING EAST GERMAN AND RED FLAGS. TRAIN COMMANDER REQUESTED EAST GERMAN TRAIN PERSONNEL AND A SOVIET ENLISTED MAN (ONLY SOV AT STATION) TO REMOVE FLAGS. NOTHING WAS DONE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, THEN EAST GERMAN RAILROAD POLICEMEN BROUGHT UP UNLEASHED AND UNMUZZLED POLICE DOG APPARENTLY TO PREVENT TRAIN COMMANDER FROM AGAIN LEAVING TRAIN. SHORTLY THEREAFTER EAST GERMAN STATIONMASTER ARRIVED AT TRAIN AND INFORMED TRAIN COMMANDER THAT FLAGS WOULD BE REMOVED AT NEXT STATION (GRIEBNITZSEE, APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FURTHER). FLAGS WERE REMOVED AT GRIEBNITZSEE.

NEXT INBOUND US DUTY TRAIN ALSO HAD FLAGS ON LOCOMOTIVE ATTACHED AT POTSDAM. FLAGS WERE REMOVED ON TRAIN COMMANDER'S DEMAND.

US PROVOST MARSHAL REPRESENTATIVE BEING INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER ORAL PROTEST AFTERNOON MAY 1 TO SOV OFFICER IN CHARGE AT MARIENBORN AUTOBAHN CHECKPOINT ON FLAGS AND THREATENING OF TRAIN COMMANDER WITH DOG. HE WILL ALSO STATE THAT US AUTHORITIES EXPECT OUTGOING US DUTY TRAINS THIS EVENING WILL PROCEED WITHOUT FLAGS. US PM REPRESENTATIVE WILL REMIND SOV OFFICER THAT US RECEIVED ASSURANCE IN MAY 1963 FROM SOVS AT MARIENBORN RAIL CHECKPOINT THAT FLAG INCIDENTS OF LAST MAY 1 WOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

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