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INFO RUFHOL/AMEMBASSY BONN
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ACTION IMMEDIATE DEPT 1297 INFO PRIORITY BONN 1156 LONDON
435 MOSCOW 439 PARIS 491 USAREUR/POLAD USCINCEUR/POLAD
USNMR SHAPE/BURNS USELMLO USAF FROM BERLIN 06 APR 6PM

PARIS ALSO FOR USRO - BONN ALSO FOR LIVE OAK

SUBJ: AUTOBAHN SITUATION

SINCE REMOVAL OF EAST GERMAN BARRIER AT MARIENBORN ABOUT 1330
HOURS APRIL 6 CIVILIAN TRAFFIC HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO PROCEED INTO
CHECKPOINT AREA. AT 1630 HOURS TRUCKS WERE REPORTED AS LINED
UP FOR 5 TO 6 KILOMETERS IN 3 LANES WITH AVERAGE

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By cl NARA, Date 7-6-00

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WAITING TIME OF 17 HOURS BEFORE REACHING CHECKPOINT. PASSENGER CARS AT MARIENBORN LINED UP FOR 2 KILOMETERS AND AVERAGE WAITING TIME 10 HOURS. ALLIED VEHICLES HELD AT MARIENBORN LEFT FOR BERLIN AT 1340 HOURS.

US MILITARY SEDAN HELD AT BABELSBERG MOST OF MORNING APRIL 6 WAS PROCESSED AND PROCEEDED TOWARD HELMSTEDT AT 1349 HOURS. ABOUT 4 MILES WEST OF BABELSBERG VEHICLE WAS HALTED BY EAST GERMANS, WHO GAVE ACCIDENT ON AUTOBAHN AS REASON BUT VEHICLE HAS SINCE BEEN ALLOWED TO PROCEED. ALL WESTBOUND TRAFFIC REPORTED AS BEING HELD UP AT SOME POINT DUE TO SINGLE LANE STRETCHES AND TRAFFIC JAMS ON BERLIN OUTER RING.

INCOMING TRAFFIC BEGAN ENTERING WEST BERLIN AT DREILINDEN AT 1425 HOURS APRIL 6, BUT THUS FAR INCLUDES ONLY VEHICLES WHICH HAVE ENCOUNTERED LONG DELAYS ON AUTOBAHN. NO REPEAT NO TRAFFIC FROM MARIENBORN SINCE PROCESSING THERE BEGAN AT 1330 HOURS.

PROCESSING OF CIVILIAN TRAFFIC AT HEERESSTRASSE CROSSING POINT ON APRIL 6 HAS BEEN NORMAL WITH NO SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF VEHICLES. LAUNENBERG CROSSING POINT HAS ALSO BEEN OPEN BUT 6 HOUR DELAY FOR

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CLEARANCE HAS BEEN REPORTED.

ROUTINE PATROLS BY US MILITARY SEDANS IN EAST BERLIN HAVE MAINTAINED NORMAL SCHEDULE AND NO REPEAT NO DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED. NO REPORTS OF INTERRUPTION OF CIVILIAN TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND FEDREP. GP-4. HULICK
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