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USNMR SHAPE FOR BURNS; USAREUR AND CINCEUR FOR POLADS.

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SUBJECT: REFUGEE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT WALL

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REF: BERLINTEL 337 TO BONN, 370 TO DEPT.

FROM RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS SO FAR OF WALL INCIDENT BOTH
BY US MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND BY WEST BERLIN POLICE, IT
APPEARS THAT US PERSONNEL ON SCENE HANDLED THEMSELVES WELL AND

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EXERCISED GENERALLY GOOD JUDGMENT. THEY WERE HELPFUL AND
RESOURCEFUL BUT NOT PROVOCATIVE IN A DANGEROUS AND DEMANDING
SITUATION WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OR RECAPTURE
BY THE VOPOS OF MICHAEL MEYER. WEST BERLIN POLICE ON THE SCENE
ALSO HANDLED THEMSELVES WELL.

HAVING IN MIND THE UNHAPPY HISTORY OF THE 1962 PETER FECHTER
INCIDENT AND THE SERIOUS EFFECTS IT HAD ON BERLIN PUBLIC

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By *cb* NARA, Date *7-6-00*

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OPINION, IT IS OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION THAT THE US SERVICEMEN'S ROLE IN THIS MOST RECENT AFFAIR WILL HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS WITH RESPECT TO THE BERLINERS. FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS IN BERLIN, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE ACTION TAKEN WAS NON-PROVOCATIVE.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT AP INCORRECTLY REPORTED THAT US SOLDIERS HAD FIRED INTO THE SOVIET SECTOR. THIS REPORT HAS BEEN CORRECTED THROUGH A BRIEF FACTUAL PRESS STATEMENT BY A US SPOKESMAN. GP-4.
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