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SUBJ: US CITIZEN DETAINED AT AUTOBAHN CHECKPOINT.

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US CITIZEN, WINTHROP JAY FREEZER (25) OF 228 MADISON AVENUE NY,

NSC

DETAINED FOR THREE HOURS BY EAST GERMAN GUARDS AT BABELSBERG

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CHECKPOINT EVENING JUL 3. ACCORDING TO FREEZER, WHO DESCRIBED

CIA

HIMSELF AS DEPUTY ATTGEN ON STAFF OF NY SUPREME COURT, HE WAS

NSA

TRAVELING IN OWN CAR WITH DANISH FRIEND (LANZE J. KOHLERT). THEY

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WERE PROCESSING THROUGH CHECKPOINT IN WESTERLY DIRECTION WHEN THEY

ARMY

DECIDED TO RETURN TO BERLIN, APPARENTLY BECAUSE FREEZER DID NOT

NAVY

WANT TO PAY EAST GERMAN INSURANCE FEE FOR CAR. MADE U-TURN IN

AIR

CHECKPOINT AREA AND STARTED PROCESSING FOR RETURN TO BERLIN.

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WERE APPARENTLY NOT IMMEDIATELY CLEARED, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THEY
DID NOT HAVE SAME PAPERS AS TRAVELERS HAVING COME FROM MARIENBORN
CHECKPOINT. THEY REENTERED CAR AND TRIED TO DRIVE THROUGH
CHECKPOINT WITHOUT PASSPORTS OR CLEARANCE, BUT WERE STOPPED AND
ASKED TO PULL OVER. FREEZER REFUSED, THUS BLOCKING HALF OF ONE LANE
ON AUTOBAHN AND FORCING EAST GERMANS TO REROUTE TRAFFIC. FREEZER
TWICE ASKED SOV GUARDS FOR ASSISTANCE BUT WAS TOLD IT WAS EAST
GERMAN MATTER. HE MANAGED TO DISPATCH MSG BY BRIT TRAVELER, REPORT-
ING DETENTION. AFTER BEING HELD ANOTHER HOUR, HE TOLD EAST GERMAN
GUARDS THAT HE WOULD PROCEED WITHOUT CLEARANCE AND IN EFFECT DARED
THEM TO SHOOT. SHORTLY AFTER THIS HE WAS RELEASED.

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IN MEANTIME MISSION HAD RECEIVED MSG SENT BY FREEZER. MP OFFICER AND INTERPRETER WERE INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE ABOUT MATTER AT SOV CHECKPOINT. THEY ARRIVED JUST AS FREEZER WAS RELEASED AND BROUGHT HIM TO MISSION WITHOUT TALKING TO SOVS.

FREEZER TOLD MISOFFICER ABOVE STORY AND ASKED IF HE COULD BE PUT ON MIL ORDERS TO DRIVE TO FEDREP JUL 4. WAS TOLD THIS COULD NOT BE DONE FOR PRIVATE CIVILIAN TOURIST, BUT WAS ADVISED TO REGISTER WITH MP STATION AT BOTH ENDS OF AUTOBAHN ON WAY OUT. MISSION OFFICER TOLD FREEZER HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE FURTHER TROUBLE WITH BORDER GUARDS IF HE FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS.

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ON MORNING JUL 4 FREEZER TOLD WHOLE STORY TO ASSOCIATED PRESS, WHICH CARRIED RATHER DRAMATIC ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT. FREEZER THEN CALLED MISSION AND REPEATED REQUEST FOR MISSION TO GIVE HIM "PROTECTION" BY PUTTING HIM AND FRIEND ON OFFICIAL ORDERS. EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT LURIDITY AP RELEASE, STATING "AP PROBABLY EXAGGERATED". MISSION AGAIN DECLINED REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL ORDERS BUT, IN RESPONSE INQUIRY, POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD FLY OUT AND HAVE CAR DRIVEN OUT BY COMMERICAL FIRM. FREEZER STATED HE WOULD DO THIS, AND HE SAID HE AND FRIEND WOULD FLY OUT NIGHT OF JUL 4.

COMMENT: LENGTH OF FREEZER DETENTION MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSE IN PART BY HIS OWN BEHAVIOR, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN VERY ADAMANT. WE DO NOT ATTRIBUTE ANY GENERAL SIGNIFICANCE TO EAST GERMAN BEHAVIOR IN THIS CASE. HULICK
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