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COUNTRY USSR/Germany	PLACE ACQUIRED This document has been Germany to Berlin (2 April 1959) the HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM of Central Intelligence Agency.		
SUBJECT Soviet Official's Comments on the Berlin Situation		REFERENCES	
DATE OF INFORMATION Late March 1959			
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT ( TENTATIVE ) 3 and Opinion			
SOURCE ( EVALUATION DEFINITIVE ) A fairly reliable East German Communist source (C), from a Soviet official in Berlin whom source has been on intimate terms with for some time.			
A Soviet official stated that it is inconceivable and out of the question that the Berlin crisis would deteriorate to the point of war, because both sides possess the means to annihilate the other side. He did not rule out the possibility of localized conflicts, even in Germany. He alleged that the Soviets are considering, among other measures, an intermittent blockade of Berlin as a harassment measure. The Karlshorst compound is in the process of almost complete turnover to the Germans.			
Field Distribution: None.			
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