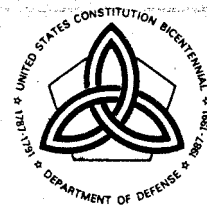




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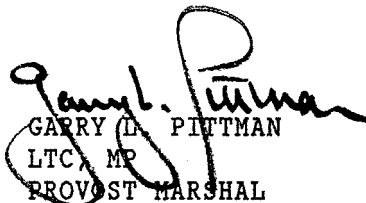
DEAR TRAVELER

WHETHER YOUR TRAVEL BRINGS YOU TO BERLIN OR TAKES YOU TO POINTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OR BEYOND, WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND PLEASANT TRIP.

THIS TRAVEL PACKET CONTAINS A SYNOPSIS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRAVEL ON THE AUTOBAHN, AS WELL AS A PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDE TO KEY TRAFFIC BRANCHES YOU WILL ENCOUNTER ALONG THE ROUTE.

IF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS TO BERLIN INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE SOVIET (EAST) SECTOR OF BERLIN, YOU MUST FIRST STOP AND PROCESS AT ALLIED CHECKPOINT CHARLIE IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF TRAVEL ON THE AUTOBAHN, OR IN BERLIN, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MILITARY POLICEMEN ON DUTY AT THE CHECKPOINT.


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TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS

Upon leaving this checkpoint you must:

- Process at two Soviet checkpoints
- Process at the allied checkpoint (Alpha or Bravo) just beyond the border of the German Democratic Republic (GDR)
- Comply with minimum and maximum travel time restrictions
- Stop to help allied travelers in trouble
- Keep cameras and binoculars out of sight
- Safeguard your travel and identification documents
- Report to military police unusual incidents and significant Soviet or GDR troop movements or other activities

You must not:

- Use, or even stop at, service stations, restaurants or stores along the autobahn; you may halt at roadside rest stops where no uniformed Soviet or GDR military personnel, or police, are parked
- Pick up or discharge passengers
- Show identification or travel documents to anyone other than uniformed Soviet personnel
- Take photographs
- Leave the prescribed route of travel
- Engage in conduct or activity embarrassing to the United States government

Vehicle breakdown:

If possible, move your vehicle to the shoulder of the road or on to the center dividing strip

Put out your warning triangle

If you can repair your vehicle, do so and continue to travel

If you cannot repair your vehicle

- Fill out the two emergency breakdown slips
- Send with an allied or West German traveler a breakdown slip in each direction
- Do not move after you send one or both breakdown slips, even if you repair your vehicle
- Do not accept a tow from any vehicle other than the wrecker dispatched by the US Army or the British Army

Accident:

If minor, try to settle on the scene

If serious, send breakdown slips and indicate if a wrecker or ambulance is needed

If GDR police become involved

- Do not help or hinder their investigation
- Do not accept a traffic ticket or pay a fine
- Do not show travel or identification documents (to include driver's license and vehicle registration)
- You may continue travel when Soviet or GDR officials so indicate
- If you have requested a wrecker or ambulance, wait until it arrives

You may accept, if you deem it necessary, medical assistance from Soviet or GDR officials

Detentions by GDR police:

On the prescribed route of travel

- Stay in your vehicle with the windows rolled up and the doors locked
- Do not show travel or identification documents
- Do not allow your person, your vehicle or your belongings to be searched
- Use your flashcard to demand your right to proceed
- If you are not allowed to proceed, use your flash card to request the presence of a Soviet officer

Off the prescribed route of travel

- Follow above instructions

Note: If you are detained by GDR police because you have left the authorized autobahn route, you may expect to be detained for one-half to four hours. Your vehicle will be physically blocked in and photographed. When GDR police release you, they will indicate the direction you should travel, or they will escort you back to the proper route.

Soviet involvement:

If Soviet authorities are at the scene of an incident or accident

- Exchange military courtesies with them
- Cooperate with them
- Show them your travel and identification documents if they request you do so
- If you are off the prescribed route of travel, do not admit to any wrong-doing other than to having made a navigational error