

SMLM SIGHTING/DETENTION INSTRUCTIONS

(USAREUR Reg 550-445)

This is what a license plate of a

SOVIET MILITARY LIAISON MISSION
(SMLM)



vehicle looks like

(The number being different in each case)

A large, dark brown number '3' on a yellow background, representing the first part of a license plate.



SOVIET MILITARY MISSION USAREUR

If you see a SMLM vehicle, notify
IMMEDIATELY

- TELEPHONE Mil 2311-6066 or (AUTOVON/ETS) 320-6066 or
- TELEPHONE Mil 98 or ETS-114
- TELEPHONE Civ 069-151-6066

ACT QUICKLY! BE ACCURATE!

LATE SIGHTINGS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT

DETENTIONS

1. IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES SMLM SHOULD BE DETAINED:

a. If in a Permanent Restricted Area (PRA) or Temporary Restricted Area (TRA). (While SMLM has unrestricted access to autobahns for transit through PRA and TRA, SMLM may not halt or stop on autobahns within or forming the boundary of a PRA or TRA except at authorized (AAFES, ESSO, BP, Fanal), gas stations.)

b. If SMLM personnel are observed photographing, sketching or observing (undue interest) US troop installations or activities in non-restricted areas, SMLM should be detained, provided the detention can be effected within the immediate vicinity of the installation or activity. SMLM may be detained for undue interest on or along autobahns.

2. A DETENTION MAY BE EFFECTED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE US FORCES.

When making detention, no force should be used or lives endangered. If possible, SMLM vehicle should be boxed in by US vehicles to keep from leaving the scene. Once detention is effected, you

3. DO:

a. Show military courtesy and ask the occupants for identification.

b. Make sure SMLM vehicle has no way to get away by suddenly driving through a ditch, or taking similar action, which must be expected.

c. Secure the scene and direct traffic on highway to keep obstruction to a minimum, making absolutely sure that MPs are coming to take over.

4. DO NOT:

a. Interrogate or question SMLM personnel.

b. Open doors, or search, SMLM vehicle.

c. Tell the SMLM personnel why they are detained.

d. Enter into arguments or allow SMLM personnel to intimidate you with threats.

e. Release the SMLM vehicle unless instructed by USAREUR.

KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING—KNOW THE PRAs/TRAs NEAR YOUR BASE, HOME, AND TRAINING OR EXERCISE AREA

THIS is what your sighting report should contain :

1. LICENSE NUMBER of SMLM vehicle
2. COLOR and MAKE of SMLM vehicle
3. TIME and DATE of sighting
4. LOCATION where SMLM vehicle was seen (give details like name of town, number of highway or autobahn, kilometer-stone marker or coordinates if possible, between which towns, on autobahn between which exits, etc)
5. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL of SMLM vehicle and if it was parked or moving
6. OCCUPANTS: Number, sex, type of clothing worn
7. SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS: Were occupants out of vehicle, using cameras, binoculars, maps, note books, etc? Was vehicle involved in running convoys, near military units or installations, near maneuver areas, etc?