

AGREEMENT

REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF MILITARY LIAISON MISSIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND BRITISH COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY

In accordance with Article 2 of the Agreement of "The Control Machinery in Germany" of 14th November, 1944, the Soviet and British Commanders-in-Chief of the Zones of Occupation in Germany have decided to exchange Military Liaison Missions to be accredited to their respective Staffs in the Zone and to confirm the following points regarding these Missions:

1. The Missions will consist of 11 officers assisted by not more than 20 technicians, clerks and other personnel including personnel required for W/T.
2. The Mission will be placed under the authority of one member of the Mission who will be nominated and termed the "Chief of the Soviet/British Military Mission". All other Liaison Officers, Missions, or Russian/British personnel operating in the Zone will accept the authority and carry out the instruction of the Chief of Mission.
3. The Chief of the Mission will be accredited to the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces of Occupation. In the case of the British Zone this means Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas.

In the case of the Russian Zone this means Marshal of the Soviet Union Sokolovsky.
4. In the case of the British Zone the Soviet Mission is invited to take up residence at or near Zone Headquarters (Bad Salzungen area).
5. In the case of the Soviet Zone the British Mission is invited to take up residence at or near Karlshorst or Potsdam.
6. In the case of the British Zone the Chief of the Soviet Mission will communicate with the Deputy Chief of Staff (Execution) Major-General Bishop or his staff.
7. In the case of the Soviet Zone the Chief of the British Mission will communicate with the Deputy Chief of Staff Major General Lavrentiev.
8. Each Mission will have similar travellers' facilities. Passes of an identical nature in Russian and English will be prepared. Generally speaking there will be freedom of travel and circulation for the members of Missions in each Zone with the exception of restricted area in which respect each Commander-in-Chief will notify the Mission and act on a reciprocal basis.
9. Each Mission will have their own wireless station for communication with its Commander-in-Chief. In each case facilities will be provided for Couriers and Despatch Riders to pass freely from the Mission HQ to the HQ of their own Commander-in-Chief. These Couriers will enjoy the same immunity as diplomatic Couriers.

Each Mission will be provided with telephone facilities in the local exchange at their HQ and given facilities for such communications (post, telephone, telegraph) as exist when are touring in the Zone. In the event of a breakdown of the wireless stations the Zone Commander will give every assistance in meeting the emergency by providing temporary facilities on his own signal system.

10. Each Mission will be administered by the Zone in which it resides in respect of accommodation, rations, petrol and stationery against repayment in Reichsmarks.

The building will be given full immunity.

11. The object of the Mission is to maintain Liaison between the Staff of the two Commanders-in-Chief and their Military Governments in the Zones.

The Missions can also in each Zone concern themselves and make representation regarding their Nationals and interests in the Zones in which they are operating. They can afford assistance to authorized visitors of their own country visiting the Zone to which the Mission is accredited.

12. This agreement is written in Russian and English. Both texts are authentic.

13. The Agreement comes into force the moment letters have been exchanged by the Deputies to the British and Soviet Commanders-in-Chief of the Zones of Occupation in Germany.

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