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Note: West Stadtkranz area of West Berlin was turned over to Soviet control in 1945 by the British in return for Gross Glienicker area needed to expand Gatow airport.

Authorized Border Crossing Points

Members of Diplomatic Corps and Occupation Forces Only

- Friedrichstrasse
- Bornholmerstrasse
- Heinrich Heine Strasse
- Chausseestrasse
- Invalidenstrasse
- Oberbaumbruecke
- Sonnen Allee

Original Crossing Points of 13 August now closed

- Kopenhagenerstrasse
- Voelkischerstrasse
- Brunnenstrasse
- Brandenburger Tor (Gate)
- Puschkin Allee
- Eisenstrasse
- Rudowerstrasse

Authorized East Germans and East Berliners presumably can cross at any Border Points still open.

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*Berlin: The Soviet Union has now given its support to the East German regime's systematic efforts of the last several days to force US officials to acknowledge the right of East German guards at the Friedrichstrasse checkpoint in East Berlin to exercise control over US-licensed vehicles driven by civilians, or accept a self-imposed denial of entry to the Soviet sector. In response to a protest personally made by the American commander in Berlin on 25 October against these East German practices, the Soviet commandant, Solovyev, insisted on the right of the East Germans to exercise controls at the East-West Berlin sector border. Solovyev further maintained that the USSR can not influence or interfere with East German actions at the sector border.

US officials maintain that US forces license plates are sufficient identification, while the East Germans have insisted that the occupants must, when not in uniform, show identification documents. Soviet officials in Berlin had indicated their acceptance of the US position as recently as 22 October when the Soviet political advisor told the American political advisor that the East Germans had made a mistake in not permitting the passage of US-licensed vehicles and that this would be corrected. This statement was followed on the next day, however, with an East German Interior Ministry announcement that the regime's police were under instructions to permit foreign citizens to pass only after showing their passports. The announcement claimed that "persons in civilian clothes" were trying to evade these regulations without "proving" membership in the Western occupation forces.