MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: WARSAW PACT JOURNAL: The Research and Development of a System of Automated Control and Regulation of Movement on the Roads of the German Democratic Republic

1. The enclosed Intelligence Information Special Report is part of a series now in preparation based on articles from a SECRET Soviet publication called Information Collection of the Headquarters and the Technical Committee of the Combined Armed Forces. This article outlines a system being researched and developed by the East German Army for the automated control and regulation of troop movements on motor roads using the postal network and wire communications in conjunction with a system of control posts and information and command centers. Research is also being done on the automation of traffic monitoring and control by means of computers. This journal is published by Warsaw Pact Headquarters in Moscow, and it consists of articles by Warsaw Pact officers. This article appeared in Issue No. 1, which was published in 1970.

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The military transportation agencies of the National People's Army have started developing a system of automated control and regulation of the movement of troops on the roads of the German Democratic Republic.

For this purpose they plan extensive use of the postal network and wire communications and the deployment of a system of control posts and information and command centers. In line with this, during movements and the assigning of traffic regulation tasks, information data will proceed from information posts on the march routes to the territorial command centers of the country and back to the control posts on the military march routes.

Within the framework of developing this system it is anticipated that information posts are to be established on the right of way of the march routes, with equipment for receiving and transmitting information on the passage of columns and individual vehicles to specially equipped command centers at the levels "administrative district, military district, and territorial command center of the German Democratic Republic".

The information may come from the transducers of signals with which the columns and individual vehicles are equipped. The transducers are turned on when the columns (vehicles) pass the information points (posts). The information points record the data to be transmitted and send them immediately to the command centers.

The command centers receive the information coming in and systematize it. The data are displayed on illuminated indicator boards, making it possible to continuously monitor the course of movement on military roads. The equipment of the command centers provides for the transmittal of orders all the way to the control posts on the military march routes.

Research is also being done on questions of automating the overall process of monitoring and controlling by means of computers and also on the possibility of working out a mobile version of such equipment for data processing.
With the establishment of an automated system and thanks to parallel exchange of information at all levels, there will be a decrease in the time intervals between the receipt of information and the issuance of orders. This system will make it possible to reduce the forces of the road maintenance service and to exercise more efficient control over contaminated sectors of march routes.

It is anticipated that the first components of this system will be tested in the period from 1971 to 1975.