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*Nothing more on
C. B. still - [unclear]*

1. SOVIET VICE CONSUL KLINOV WHO KNOWS HIS OFFICER MET CLARKEBERRY FOR FIRST TIME AT CONSULAR CORPS FUNCTION ON 9 AUGUST AND INVITED LATTER TO LUNCH SAME DAY. KLINOV USED LUNCH AS PRETEXT OBTAIN PRO 1 INFO AND DISCUSS BERLIN. HE ASKED NO QUESTIONS RE UNITED STATES POLICY BUT PRESSED SOV POSITION STATING BERLIN WILL BE TEST OF SOVIET DASH UNITED STATES FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND INSISTED SOVS WOULD SIGN PEACE TREATY. HE DID NOT MENTION TITOV FLIGHT OR SOV MILITARY POWER. POUCHING DETAILS.

2. VIKTOR ZEGAL, SOV SECOND SECY WHO KNOWS HIS OFFICER INVITED EMBASSY SECOND SECY SELLIN TO LUNCH 8 AUGUST FOR FIRST TIME. MAIN TOPIC

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THE BERLIN CRISIS. ZESAL ASKED BELIEF REPEATEDLY NOT U.S. WILLING FIGHT
 OVER BERLIN AND WHY USSR AND AMERICAN WHO FORMER ALLIES NOW IN OPPOSITION
 ON THIS ISSUE. ZESAL QUOTED NEWS STORIES STATING FRANCE AND
 ITALIANS NOT WILLING RISK WAR OVER BERLIN. REPEATED ATTEMPTS
 DISCOUNT U.S. POSITION GAVE IMPRESSION ZESAL VIEWED REPORT
 CONFIRMATION FROM U.S. OFFICIAL OF VALIDITY SOVIET AIMS IN GERMANY. FULL
 REPORT ON CONVERSATION IN AMEMBASSY AIRGRAM A-18 DATED 13 AUGUST 61.

END OF MESSAGE

E/S COMMENT: ACTION UNIT (ETERMINED AS THROUGH INDICATOR REDWOOD USED.

**Requested all VEI and details needed to interpret the significance
 of Soviet use of agent reports and other intelligence channels for estimate of U.S. and
 Allied position and intentions in Berlin.

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