



**June 20, 1953**  
**Report from A. Grechko and Tarasov to N.A.  
Bulganin, 11:40 a.m.**

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**Summary:**

Grechko and Bulganin stated that enterprises in Berlin had resumed their routine operations since the morning of 20 June. But they also admitted that there were still some strike movements.

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To Comrade N.A. BULGANIN

I am reporting on the situation in the GDR and Berlin at 10.00 a.m.(Moscow time), 20 June 1953

1. No riots were observed in Berlin and the GDR last night.
2. Enterprises in Berlin have resumed their routine operations since the morning of 20 June. There is still a pocket of strike movement in Magdeburg, where some enterprises have not resumed their operations yet. For instance, the workers of Electric Motor Plant in Wernigerode have entered the grounds of the plant but have not resumed their work. Moreover, the night and morning shifts at some plants and factories have not resumed their work in the following towns: Sta=DFfurt (a plant), Halberstadt (furniture factory) and Ilsenburg (veneer and furniture factories, Rail-Wheels Plant).
3. Exposure of provocateurs and instigators of street riots and strikes is continuing.

Overall, 8,029 provocateurs, rebels, suspicious persons, [and] offenders of the Soviet military authorities' orders were arrested and detained in the GDR; 33 rebels were killed, and 132 wounded. After sentencing by court martial, 6 active provocateurs were shot.

Seventeen supporters of the democratic power, government and party officers, were killed, and 166 wounded.

4. The state and disposition of the units of the Group are unchanged. There have been no losses.

GRECHKO TARASOV

Correctly." GENERAL OF THE ARMY SHTEMENKO  
20 June 1953, 11.40 a.m.