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**Diary Entry from US HICOG James B. Conant on the
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Summary:

Conant briefly speculates over possible complications with Russian policy as a result of the East German Uprising.

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In Bad Godesberg (alone) after returning from two weeks trip to U.S.A. including hearings on budget before House Committee and public hearing before Senate appropriations committee with McCarthy chief prosecutor. Also return from Berlin & Paris. Berlin demonstrations in East Sector add complications to Russians' sudden turn to a soft policy!

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As to the Russians, the question is how will they get out of their troubles in the East Zone. Unification on their terms is no longer even a good propaganda line. Query whether some proposal from the Allies on Berlin or the border would throw them still further off balance. I am inclined to think so. But would the French and British go along?