

"AUTOBAHN CRISES, October-November 1963."

Request for Veterans
with Knowledge or Perspectives
on the Events

Between October and November 1963, Soviet forces in Germany detained USAREUR and British convoys on the Helmstedt-Berlin Autobahn for extended periods of time, at one point stretching to 3-days. The incidents rapidly escalated to the highest levels in Washington and Moscow, and nearly led to WW III. Eventually, the two sides reached a tenuous agreement that codified convoy procedures, and prevented another major altercation on the roadway till the end of the Cold War. Although big news at the time, the crises were quickly forgotten, and few realized just how close the world had come to war.

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Mr. Goldman is preparing an article concerning the Autobahn Crisis, and is interested in capturing the recollections of veterans who had some knowledge of the events. Please contact him at digoldman60@gmail.com to set up a convenient time to talk by phone, Facetime, or in person in the Washington, D.C. area.