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Witness Statement from Marcus Phillips

SUBJECT NAME	Stabsgefreiter - Marcus Phillips, Infantry
AGENT NAME	Polizeiobermeister- Hans Mullerein
DATE OF INCIDENT	09/01/1940
PERSON(S) INVOLVED	Marcus Phillips, Generalmajor Mael Radec, Generalleutnant Martin Hauzer

I, the undersigned party and aforementioned subject, voluntarily swear without coercion or threat of harm that the following statement is the utmost truth, and self-evidence, and fully permit the policing apparatus to admit this statement in a court of law or other arbitratve bodies as seen necessary by the police.

Signed,

Marcus Phillips

WITNESS STATEMENT

On the evening of **August 27th**, I arrived at the Festung Berlin at around **5:07**. The atmosphere was tense as there had been rumors circulating about potential military action due to recent protests and escalating tensions within the city. Staff were advised to remain vigilant and to avoid discussing sensitive issues in public.

At approximately **5:12** after the orders from **Generalmajor Martin Hauzer**, I heard the sounds of heavy machinery and vehicles approaching the leaving base and heading towards the Ministry. Initially, I assumed it was a routine convoy; however, I soon realized that these were military vehicles. Within moments, the area was surrounded by armed forces, and military personnel began to disembark. I estimate that approximately **30-35 soldiers** were involved, all dressed in military fatigues and equipped with assault rifles and communication gear. They were methodical in their approach, forming a perimeter around the building while others made their way to the entrance. At this point, I felt a sense of panic and confusion among my colleagues and staff. Many began to flee towards the back exits in fear of a confrontation. I remained in my office, peering through the blinds to observe the unfolding situation. The soldiers announced themselves loudly, commanding everyone to remain inside and to stay calm. They were met with sporadic shouts and cries from some staff members, who were understandably alarmed. After securing the perimeter, the commanding officer ordered a breach of the main doors. The soldiers swiftly moved inside, with several holding advanced weaponry and tactical gear. I lost sight of them as they disappeared through the main entrance but could hear the sounds of shouting and commotion coming from within the



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building. Many staff were now huddled together in offices, clutching each other in fear. Approximately within 10-15 minutes, I witnessed personnel come out of the Interior Ministry, escorting several individuals, whom I later recognized as senior officials from the Interior Ministry. They were restrained and appeared distressed, being led away towards military vehicles that had been stationed nearby.

During the raid, I could hear sporadic gunfire within the building. I could not identify whether any shots were fired by the military or if it was a response to threats inside the Ministry. The noise was chaotic, and I felt a rising dread for the safety of everyone involved. Once the soldiers secured the premises, they conducted a thorough search for other personnel and documents related to ongoing internal investigations. I remained hidden in my office, fearful of revealing my presence, until I received an order to finally leave the building once the chaos subsided. It was confirmed later that no civilians were harmed during the raid, but the psychological impact of the event left many in shock. After the incident, at 6:38, I was debriefed by military officials, such as **Generalleutnant Mael Radec and Oberst Barone Muller**, who had instructed on what information I could share regarding the raid. Many colleagues and I were left in a state of disbelief, struggling to comprehend the events that transpired. In closing, the raid on the Interior Ministry was unexpected, rapid, and fraught with tension. My observations reflect an operation that was both strategic and forceful, with serious implications for the involved parties and our country as a whole.

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