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BORDER ZONES:

At 0235 hours, 9 April 1951 nine to ten shots were fired from machine pistols or carbines between EGER and KITSEE on the Czech side of the Czech-Austrian border. Austrian border officials took cover. A few cars standing near the wire drove away when the firing ceased. At dawn Austrian officials were able to see one man some 40 meters from the wire. He was on the ground groaning and was guarded by two soldiers. The Austrians were able to see that the wire had been cut and that footprints crossed through the wire into Austria. It was therefore presumed that one man had succeeded in crossing into Austria. Border officials believe that the Czechs were tipped off because there was great activity on their side of the border on the night of the shooting.

Date of Observation: 9 April 1951
Evaluation: B - 3
Eval. Comment: Unconfirmed.