

Situation Report - March 18, 1959

Romania - First Bucharest coverage of Eisenhower speech was broadcast at 23 hours on 17 March, about 24 hours late; line varies slightly from other Soviet bloc response in that Eisenhower's willingness to attend summit meeting is given less emphasis than his "desire to prolong Berlin occupation for unlimited period of time." Romanian-East German trade protocol for 1959-1965 calls for 50 percent increase in trade. Repatriation organ (for foreign consumption only) attacked RFE religious program. No more Jewish emigrants from Romania have arrived in Vienna.