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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Protocol relating to embassy telecommunication facilities.  
Signed at Washington on 24 July 1974**

*Authentic texts: English and German.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 27 January 1978.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Protocole relatif à l'installation de moyens de télécommuni-  
cations dans leurs ambassades respectives. Signé à  
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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL<sup>1</sup>

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It is agreed that the diplomatic missions of each country may have the following technical communications facilities. These facilities are to be available at the opening date of the Embassy, or as stated in the requirement.

The Embassy of the United States of America in Berlin shall be entitled to:

1. A minimum of one leased full-duplex teletype circuit with the speed of 75 BAUD to provide the primary means of communication. This circuit will be leased 24 hours per day and is to be terminated on the Embassy-designated terminal block. The necessary teletype equipment will be provided and installed by the Embassy. The distant end of the circuit will initially be terminated at the United States Embassy, Bonn. This circuit will be requested by application, and is to be operational upon the opening of the Embassy.

2. Installation of a radio teletype facility and corresponding antennas for transmission and reception of diplomatic communications in the frequency range of 3 to 30 MHz, which is to provide a back-up communication capability as required. All equipment will be supplied and installed by the Embassy. An application will be submitted and the technical details will be provided to the competent authority.

3. Antennas will be installed on the Embassy building to support the radio requirements. The antennas will be included in the application for the radio installation.

4. The Embassy will require a minimum of ten separate public telephone lines upon opening, although additional telephone lines may be required at a later date. The telephones are to be terminated on the Embassy-designated terminal block. The telephone connection application will be submitted to the competent authority, and technical data on the Embassy telephone system will be provided. The Embassy will furnish and install all Embassy telephone equipment of its own choice.

5. A minimum of one public telephone line with handset for each residence and apartment is necessary. The numbers are to be listed in the name of the Embassy, and the Embassy will designate which numbers are to be listed in the public telephone index. It is agreed that newly-constructed apartments to be occupied by Embassy personnel are to be given priority for telephone installation, installation to be completed within 90 days of occupancy. The appropriate telephone connection application will be submitted to the competent authority.

6. A minimum of one high-grade low-frequency leased telephone line to West Berlin, end-to-end without dial. This line will terminate at the Embassy-designated terminal block and at the U.S. Mission in West Berlin. The appropriate telephone connection application will be submitted to the competent authority. It is to be examined whether an additional line can be provided at a later date.

7. A telex line with terminal equipment capable of receiving and transmitting, to be leased for use twenty-four hours per day. The appropriate application will be submitted to the competent authority.

8. A high restoration priority for repairs of the telex equipment, telex lines, teletype circuit, and telephone lines is to be provided.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 July 1974 by signature.

9. The United States has the right to transmit and receive encoded communications.

The Embassy of the German Democratic Republic in Washington shall be entitled to:

1. Installation of a full duplex radio teletype facility with corresponding antenna equipment for transmission and receipt of diplomatic communications. Receiving and transmitting capabilities in the frequency range of 3 to 30 MHz, application to be made to the competent authority.

2. A telex line with send and receive capacity with terminal equipment to be leased twenty-four hours per day.

3. Delivery and installation of the telephone system for the Embassy. For purposes of installation, the permission of the telephone company must be obtained to ensure capability\* of this technical data with those of the U.S. telephone system. Application for installation is to be made with the telephone company.

4. A minimum of ten public telephone lines for the Embassy. Each line to have a separate number and to be connected to the switchboard of the Embassy. These lines shall be furnished upon transmission of the appropriate application to the competent authority.

5. At least one public telephone line with handset for the official residences. All telephone lines shall be furnished upon submission of application to the competent authority.

6. A minimum of one leased full-duplex teletype circuit with the speed of 50 BAUD to provide the primary means of communications. This circuit will be leased 24 hours per day and is to be terminated as the Embassy designates. This circuit will be requested by application. The circuit may be upgraded to 75 BAUD.

7. The German Democratic Republic has the right to transmit and receive encoded communications.

The above requirements may be changed upon mutual agreement.

DONE at Washington July 24, 1974.

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\* Should read "compatibility" — [Devrait se lire «compatibility»].