

BERLIN DANS LA GUERRE FROIDE / CONSTRUCTION DU MUR / ANGLAIS

Evaluation / Compréhension écrite

Anglais / 1<sup>ère</sup>

PROTEST TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY  
ON THE CONDUCT OF THE EAST BERLIN POLICE

BEGIN TEXT:

ON NOVEMBER 4 1988, AMERICAN CITIZEN DONNA ELIZABETH FLAKE, THE DEPENDENT WIFE OF AN AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICER, WAS UNJUSTLY DETAINED IN THE SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN FOR ALMOST FIVE HOURS BY LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES AND WAS ACCUSED OF A CRIME SHE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE COMMITTED. THE UNJUST DETENTION OF MRS. FLAKE WAS PROLONGED BY THE ILLEGAL AND UNNECESSARY REFUSAL OF THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES TO HONOR MRS. FLAKE'S REPEATED REQUESTS THAT A SOVIET MILITARY OFFICER BE SUMMONED TO THE SCENE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INCIDENT, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO THE FACT THAT, IN REALITY, MRS. FLAKE WAS NOT THE PERPETRATOR, BUT RATHER THE VICTIM OF AN ATTEMPTED CRIME. BECAUSE OF THE ATTEMPTED CRIME AGAINST HER AND HER UNJUST TREATMENT BY THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES, MRS. FLAKE EXPERIENCED MEDICAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH ENDANGERED HER UNBORN CHILD.

THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THE ACCUSATION THAT MRS. FLAKE WAS ENGAGING IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO BE ABSURD AND TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. MRS. FLAKE IS IN THE SEVENTH MONTH OF A DIFFICULT PREGNANCY, FRAUGHT WITH MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS. SHE WAS VISITING THE SOVIET SECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED PRACTICE, WHEN HER PURSE WAS STOLEN. MRS. FLAKE PURSUED AND CAUGHT THE THIEF. DURING THE ENSUING STRUGGLE, LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND TOOK CUSTODY OF MRS. FLAKE, ACCUSING HER OF BEING THE THIEF.

WORDS

(to) **summon** = (to) call

**fraught with** = full of

**purse** (n) = handbag

(to) **take custody** =  
(to) hold in detention

Give an account of the document above along the following guidelines:

- nature of the document + its purpose
- basic facts about the event it refers to (what? where? when? who?)
- list of what the different people involved did (in the chronological order)
- important detail about the victim
- tone of the document (with examples to justify your answer)

Don't invent anything. Always base your answers on elements from the text that you will rephrase, if necessary, to give as adequate an account as possible.