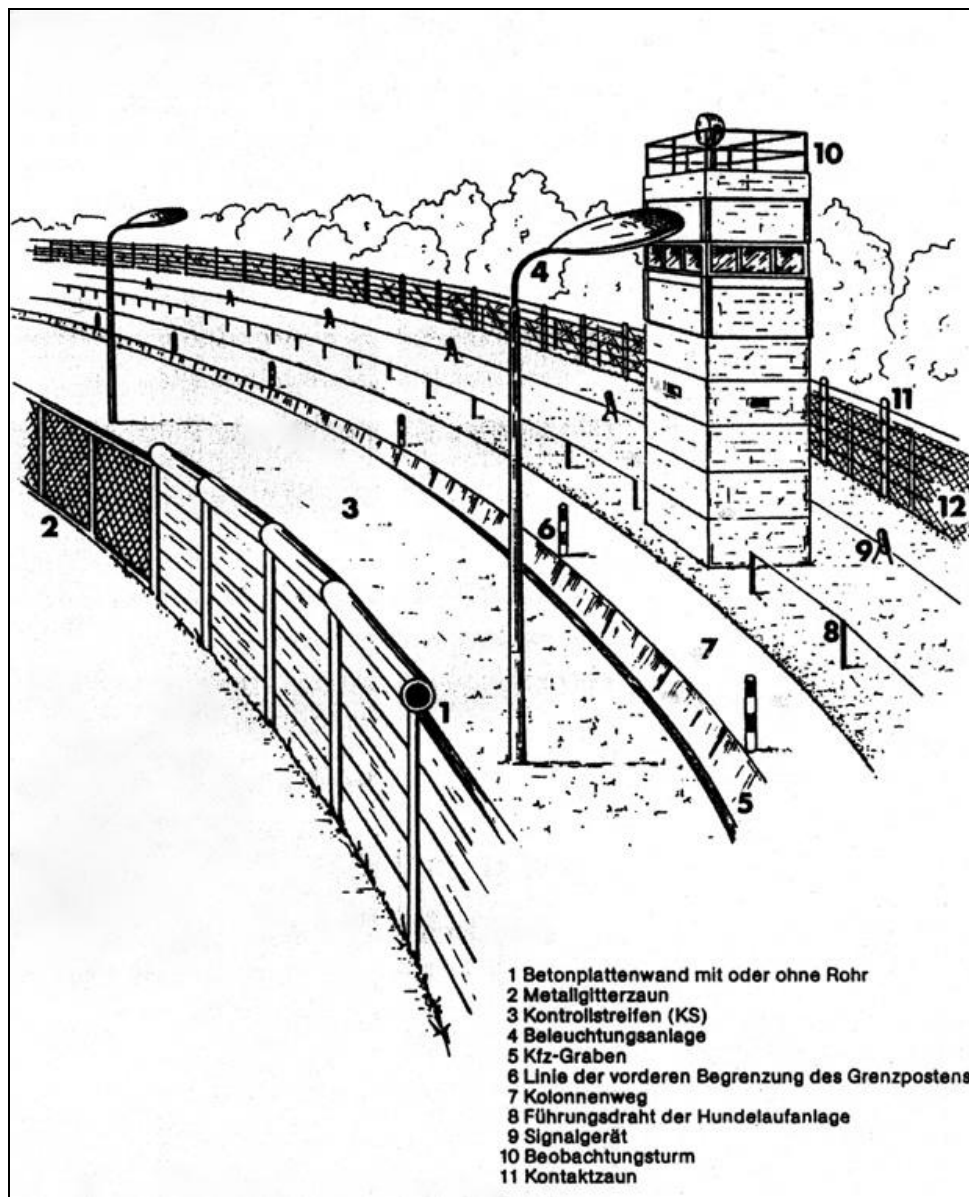


Volume 9. Two Germanies, 1961-1990
 Sketch of an East German Border Fortification (1984)

East Germany strengthened its border fortifications in response to ongoing flight attempts. The original barbed wire barrier was replaced by a massive concrete wall that was supplemented by control towers, flood lights, car tracks, guard dogs, spring guns, and an electric fence.



English key: 1) Concrete wall with or without pipe on top; 2) Metal latticework fence;
3) Checkpoint area; 4) Lighting system; 5) Anti-vehicle trench; 6) Line marking the front
boundary of the border patrol; 7) Column track; 8) Wire run for guard-dogs; 9) Signal or warning
light; 10) Observation tower; 11) Electric fence

Source: "Skizze einer Grenzanlage in Berlin" ["Sketch of a Border Fortification in Berlin"]
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