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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. On 15 and 17 October 1952, prime mover tracks, assembling of railroad cars or loading preparations were not observed at the Goepritz (O 49/R 64) railroad station. Soviet soldiers detraining from the regular trains arriving from Vienna or Soviet mail cars were not observed. On 15 October, motor vehicles coming from or going to the troop training grounds, included trucks [redacted] and [redacted] sedan [redacted] and radio truck [redacted]. All the trucks were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Source learned from local residents that a small antitank gun unit had left Goepritz on 12 or 13 October.
- 25X1 2. On 16 and 17 October, only a few Soviet soldiers were seen in Allensteig (O 49/R 53). Trucks [redacted] were loaded with potatoes from four boxcars. All the drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Local residents stated that only small units were left at the troop training grounds.<sup>1</sup>
- 25X1 3. On 14 October, two artillery pieces without muzzle brakes, and five trucks were seen in the yard of the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A group of 24 EM with red-bordered black epaulets led by a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, left the barracks installation toward the Danube River meadows carrying tripods and cases. The concealment of four camouflaged gun emplacements south of the barracks installation was improved upon the orders of an officer. Truck [redacted] its driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, left the installation with about 15 men with black-bordered red epaulets and about 5 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, returned to the installation.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 4. On 13 October, 4 x 57-mm AA guns, 4 weapon carriers and 30 trucks were parked in the yard of the Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). About noon, 3 field grade officers and 3 senior lieutenants, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and 56 EM, with black-bordered red epaulets returned to the installation. A group of 4 EM towed a heavy machine gun, 12 EM carried a light machine gun each and 40 men were armed with rifles. Vehicles seen near the installation included radio truck [redacted] and truck [redacted]

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[redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, truck [redacted] 25X1  
its driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, jeep [redacted], driven by a 25X1  
soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, [redacted] supplied by a lieutenant colonel,  
and trucks [redacted] 25X1

5. On 13 October, 2 medical field grade officers and 7 majors and 12 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered red epaulets, some with medical dressings, left and entered the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). No motor vehicles were seen.<sup>4</sup>

6. On 20 October, motor traffic observed at the Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55), which was guarded by sentries with black-bordered red epaulets, included: Truck [redacted] with a white ring painted to the left of the 25X1  
[redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, trucks 25X1  
wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [redacted] with a driver wearing 25X1  
black-bordered red epaulets; and trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted], all driving school trucks with drivers who 25X1  
wore red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers leaving and entering the former Landesregierung building guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets, wore red-bordered black epaulets. About noon, four platoons of about 200 EM who apparently wore new uniforms and led by NCOs, entered the Kattnersiedlung where two sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed.<sup>5</sup>

7. In the evening of 5 and 6 October and in the morning of 7 October, one troop train of 40 cars with soldiers arrived at Wilfleinsdorf (P 49/X 67) coming from Hungary. On 6 and 7 October, one troop train coming from an undetermined destination crossed the border station of Hegyeshalom (P 48/X 06) toward Hungary.<sup>6</sup>

8. At 4:30 p.m. on 3 October, a troop train came from the direction of Sopron (P 48/X 63) and stopped at the Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) railroad station. The train consisted of 14 boxcars, 12 of which were occupied by officers and EM, 15 gondola cars with cases and one gondola car with two sedans. The boxcars had the inscription Bulgaria. All cars, including the locomotive, were interconnected by a telephone line. The EM were not allowed to leave the train which left toward Baden (O 49/X 37) at 5:15 p.m.

1. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that most of the units had left the Doellersheim troop training grounds when source made his observations. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The information again confirms that the Birago Kaserne (former Pionier Kaserne) in Melk is occupied by artillery, probably the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The personnel and weapons probably belong to the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt which is carried in Mauer Oehling. [redacted] 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. The unidentified hospital in Amstetten is again confirmed by the information. 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of Eisenstadt. The Kattnersiedlung, however, had been reported not only unoccupied but even unguarded during the last six months. [redacted] 25X1


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6.  Comment. The troop trains observed probably belonged to the rail movement under which discharges were replaced by recruits.

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