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REMARKS

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1. On 23 and 24 April 1953, no troop trains were observed at the Goepritz railroad station, (O 49/R 64). [redacted] several troop trains with AT guns and tanks arrived during the previous days. The trains allegedly came from Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) and St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Truck [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of the Goepritz railroad station. Sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were observed in Goepritz and on the Goepritz - Allentsteig (O 49/R 53) highway. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

2. On 23 April, no troop trains were observed at the Allentsteig railroad station. Vehicle traffic between the railroad station and Allentsteig included jeep [redacted] radio truck [redacted] and truck [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. truck [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets. On 24 April, engineer troops constructed landing stages on a pond near the southern perimeter of Allentsteig and practiced vehicle driving. Eight three-axle trucks [redacted]

[redacted] carried eight pontoons. The pontoon crews wearing black-bordered black epaulets rode on trucks [redacted] Watering of the eight pontoons took about 20 minutes and reloading on the trucks about 30 minutes. Material used for the landing stages included 2 barrel floats carried by a truck, and 4 or 5 about five-meter long planks loaded on trucks [redacted] A pontoon ferry of two pontoons with an outboard motor operated between two landing stages. Amphibious truck [redacted] were standing at the western landing stage. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets.

3. On 24 April, troop trains proceeding toward Goepritz included: a troop train of about 6 sealed boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with about 12 AT guns and 16 trucks at the Siegmundsherberg (O 49/R 84) railroad station; and a troop train carrying about nine trucks [redacted] on the Absdorf-Hippersdorf (O 49/S 91) railroad station.

4. [redacted]

5. On 21 April, large parcels were loaded on trucks [redacted] at the Austria Brewery in Mieser Neudorf (P 49/X 37). The escort personnel wore red

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service color. Sedan [REDACTED] belonged to the chief of the Soviet warehouse.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains probably from Klosterneuburg and St. Pölten indicate that components of the 13th Gds Mecz Div and the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle

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Div moved to the Doellersheim troop training grounds. [REDACTED]

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on 15 April 1953, elements of the 15th Tank Regt from Bruck Bruck/Leitha probably also moved to the Doellersheim troop training grounds, at least for a short-term field exercise. [REDACTED] The observation of troop trains proceeding toward Gospfritz at the Sigmundsherberg and Absdorf-Hippersdorf railroad stations on 24 April indicates that, in the last third of April, troops also moved probably to the Doellersheim troop training grounds.

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