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1. A continuous flow of eastbound Soviet troop trains has been observed on the special freight line near Lindenberg, eight kilometers northeast of Berlin, since 25 June. The trains carried artillery pieces, tanks, aircraft and repairs shops. The trains were said to be enroute to Poland where riots had allegedly been occuring since 23 June. [1]

2. Soviet units, which had been entrained at the Templin Railroad station on 18 June, were observed in the area of the Stettiner Bahnof (Nord Bahnhof) in Berlin on 22 June. One vehicle was identified as belonging to the 6th Guards Mechanized Division.

3. A tank unit was loaded at the Templin railroad station on 28 and 30 June. Bedding and household furniture were taken along. The unit had a new type of tank, similar to the T-44. [2]

4. The loading of billeting equipment at the Hammelspring railroad station began on 28 June. Three hundred ammunition boxes were observed ready for loading on 29 June. [_____] tanks and artillery pieces left the barracks on Castaven Lake in Fuerstenberg on 12 and 21 June, enroute toward Gransee. On 20 June the barracks installation was partly vacant. [3]

25X1 Comments:

1. The Soviet Army units were probably contingents which have been withdrawn from the Berlin area. It is not yet possible to conclude whether these troops returned to their home stations or were actually transferred to Poland.

2. Tanks of this new type had previously been observed in Doeberitz and Neuruppin. It is possible that the troop trains carried the units to their home stations.

3. Probably elements of the 33rd Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 9th Guards Tank Division which left by road for employment in the Berlin area.

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