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1. On 2 June 1953, the barracks installations in Justerbog II were occupied not to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. [redacted] estimated the occupation strength at about 1,800 to 1,900 troops. Between 29 May and 2 June, [redacted] did not observe any training activity in the barracks area. Almost daily the troops left the installations for exercises, returning at dusk. [redacted]

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2. On 2 June, the Fuchsberg Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Prior to 31 May, rather little activity was observed in the barracks installations, except for intensive vehicular traffic. Individual trucks occupied by troops were seen en route from the installation to the firing range and numerous vehicles loaded with ration supplies were observed. At about 4 p.m. on 1 June, 19 trucks, including 16 towing 76.2-mm AF guns, left the installation for an exercise, proceeding to the training area east of the camp, and south of Scharnhorst hill. The same column was seen in this area on 2 June.<sup>2</sup>

3. On 25 May, the Altes Lager was occupied not to capacity by about 800 to 1,000 troops, with the sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 20 and 28 May, [redacted] did not observe any training activity in the barracks area. The troops almost daily went to the firing range for marksmanship and field training during the period under review. On 22 May, a column of about 10 trucks, towing about 100-mm guns, was seen leaving the installation. [redacted]

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4. In the afternoon on 22 May, a column including 3 jeeps and about 25 trucks, including 12 to 15 towing 122-mm howitzers [redacted] was seen on the Jaenickendorf-Charlottenfelde road.<sup>4</sup>

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5. On 27 May, 12 T-34/85 tanks, 8 JS-2<sup>25X1A</sup> tanks, and about 250 troops with 24 x 76-mm field guns and 26 trucks, [redacted] were seen in the training area of Altes Lager, Jueterbog.

6. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from Altes Lager [redacted]

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7. One Major Shimidorski (fnu) was in charge of the kitchen in Altes Lager between 11 and 21 May. <sup>3</sup>

8. On 30 May, the Damm Fliegerhorst installation was occupied not to capacity by about 1,400 troops, including an artillery unit of about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; a tank unit of about 135 to 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; an AAA unit of about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and an air force unit of about 125 troops. The tank unit was equipped with 30 to 35 T-34 tanks, which were stored in the sheds on the northern edge of the former landing field; and the AAA unit was equipped with 10 to 12 x 37-mm AA guns, which were stored in a building on the eastern edge of the former landing field. Between 9 and 30 May, 60 to 90 troops were almost daily seen at service of the piece drill with 3 to 6 x 76-mm field guns; about 200 troops were seen at infantry training; about 40 to 60 troops at training in firing; and about 55 troops received basic training. On 11 May, three T-34 tanks, [redacted] left the installation toward Jueterbog-Neues Lager and returned at about 3 p.m. on 12 May. On 14 May, about 20 to 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia received instruction on three 82-mm mortars in the barracks area, and an undetermined number of troops with 10 to 12 x 37-mm AA guns were seen at an arms inspection at the eastern edge of the former landing field. On 17 May, six 76-mm guns, troops carrying full field pack, and a field kitchen left the installation for firing practice. They returned on 20 May. On 26 May, eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia received instruction on an antitank rifle at the firing range. On 27 May, 5 T-34 tanks [redacted] [redacted] left the installation. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to and from the Fliegerhorst.

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9. On 21 May, 7 armored personnel carriers [redacted] were seen leaving the Fuchsberg Kaserne, 30 to 40 troops were drilling in the barracks yard, and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets trained at the engineer training site. At about 8:30 a.m., 2 T-43 tanks and 6 sidecar motorcycles left the installation toward the water tower. On 21 May, T-43 tanks [redacted] were seen in the barracks area, and, on 23 May, 2 T-43 tanks and about 50 troops left the installation toward the water tower. A local resident stated that numerous columns passed through Jueterbog II during the night of 25 May. <sup>2</sup>

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10. Between 21 and 25 May, [redacted] determined that one Major Popof (fnu) was chief of the bakery, the personnel of which consisted of bakers from all troop units of the post. <sup>6</sup>

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11. On 19 May, about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were throwing hand grenades, and engaged in marksmanship training with rifles and digging of foxholes at the former landing field of the Damm Fliegerhorst. On 21 May, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets constructed field fortifications in the abovementioned area, and a column of about 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived from the direction of Fuchsberg Kaserne. On 26 May, an undetermined number of

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troops practiced aiming on 4 x 76-mm or 87-mm AA guns at the landing field. On 29 May, about 200 troops arrived from the Fuchsberg Kaserne for aiming practice on 6 x 76-mm field guns, which had been in a hangar. Trucks [redacted] were seen on the landing field. 5

12. On 28 May, the Adolf Hitler Camp, Forst Zinna, was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Between 15 and 28 May, troops were seen drilling in the quartering area and other troops were almost daily seen receiving instruction on range fenders in Jagen (forest section) Nos 24, 25, 32 and 33. On 21 May, two JS-2 tanks from the camp were entrained at the Forst Zinna railroad station, leaving toward Jueterbog. On 19 May, an undetermined number of troops fired with about 12 x 37-mm AA guns at towed-sleeve targets in the training area. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camp [redacted]

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13. On 5 June, the Adolf Hitler camp was occupied by an estimated 5,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or tank insignia; black-bordered black epaulets; and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets. An AAA emplacement of 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 2 large tents was observed about 300 to 400 meters southeast of the camp and about 100 meters east of the road to the camp. Between 16 and 29 May, troops receiving instruction on 14 rocket launchers, and 4 to 5 trucks were observed in an area about 2 km northeast of the camp. Six SP guns at single shot fire were determined about 1 km north of the camp, immediately west of the railroad line. On 4 May, 16 JS-3 tanks were southwest of the camp and west of the railroad line. The tanks took up position and, subsequently, the crews received instruction on the tank machine guns. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camp [redacted]

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14. At 3 p.m. on 2 June, a total of about 2,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets, without vehicles and heavy weapons, was seen between Gottow and Jaenickendorf marching toward Camp Markendorf. 3

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The informations by the other [redacted] of this report do not indicate the presence at Jueterbog of major elements of the 9th Mecz Div. However, no definite confirmation of the occupation by units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div of the Hindersin Kaserne, the Bleidorn Kaserne and the Turm Kaserne has recently been obtained.
2. [redacted] Comment. The information fails to furnish indications for the changes which are believed to have taken place in the Fuchsberg Kaserne. [redacted]
3. [redacted] Comment. The artillery units of the 6th Gds Tank Div and the 14th Gds Mecz Div carried in Altes Lager cannot individually be identified by the guns observed [redacted] of paragraph 3 and [redacted] paragraph 5. Especially the information on calibers of guns and motor vehicle [redacted] [redacted] The field guns mentioned [redacted] [redacted] may as well belong to the 43th Gds Mecz Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div which is vaguely confirmed by the tanks. The majority of the motor vehicle [redacted] belongs to [redacted]

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the 14th Gds Mecz Div, [Redacted] to the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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- 4. [Redacted] Comment. This artillery column possibly belonged to the 6th Gds Tank Div. [Redacted] however, is believed to belong to army troops.

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- 5. [Redacted] Comment. No other indications are available for the occupation of the Damm Fliegerhorst installation by an entire artillery regiment. The information [Redacted] of paragraphs 8 and 11 confirm the 47th Gds Mecz Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div and the 2497th AAA Regt, which has been carried there, in addition to an unidentified air force unit.

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- 7. [Redacted] Comment. No changes are discernible with the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army.

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- 8. [Redacted] Comment. Presumably a unit of the 6th Gds Tank Div carried in Camp Werder-Markendorf.

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