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1. Prior to January 1951, the Trudovak barracks east of Sukhodol (N 42-41, E 23-12), about one kilometer west of Sofia, was occupied by the 1 Tank Division. In 1949, it consisted of four or five multi-story buildings. [redacted] soldiers quartered in this barracks installation [redacted] yellow service color [redacted] their tank unit included mainly elements which had moved from Kazanlık and Stara Zagora to Sukhodol. 25X1

2. [redacted] the 2 Tank Division was located in the former reserve officer candidate school, about seven kilometers southwest of Sofia, on the west side of the road from Knyazhevo to Gorna Banya. In 1950, the barracks installation consisted of about 15 buildings including an unidentified number of multi-story structures. 25X1

3. [redacted] the tank unit was equipped with T-34 tanks. 25X1

4. [redacted] a mechanized regiment was located in Pleven on the road to Grivitsa (N 43-25, E 24-43) prior to late April 1952. [redacted] the 4 Engineer Regiment stationed at Pleven disbanded in 1949, and [redacted] a mechanized regiment [redacted] was activated in the barracks installation formerly occupied by the engineer regiment. The mechanized regiment was equipped with 30 model M-13 rocket launchers, 10 of which were detached to the 1952 May Day Review in Sofia and were quartered in the barracks installation of the 1 Guard Division southeast of Sofia. 25X1

5. Prior to late April 1952, a motorized artillery regiment was stationed at Pleven [redacted] 25X1

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18. In the summer of 1951, a Border Guard headquarters, which controlled the sector between Dragoman and Trekliano, was stationed in Trün. Border Guard sub-posts of between 30 and 60 men were located in several villages. At that time, the old-style green uniform of the Border Guard troops was replaced by the gray-brown Army uniform with green service color. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] the Border Guards were selected during the registration for the draft. They had to serve for three years. Border Guards doing Border Guard duty were reassigned every six months. An NCO school of the Border Guard troops was located in Sukhodol.
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