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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC 76-mm Field Gun Artillery Battalion Returned from Goepfritz to the Trost Kaserne in

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Vienna

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

17 October 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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On 16 August 1953, a Soviet troop train of 22 flatcars and 2 boxcars was unloaded at the Matzleinsdorf freight station in Vienna X. The officers and soldiers involved wore red-bordered black epaulets. Items unloaded from the cars included twelve 76-mm field guns, trucks, sedans, field kitchens and billeting equipment. The shipping document indicated that the train, which had included a total of 28 cars, departed from the railroad station in Goepfritz (O 49/R 64) to the Matzleinsdorf freight station in Vienna [redacted]. When after detraining the battalion left in a southward direction on Triester Strasse, sedan [redacted] occupied by a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was followed by trucks [redacted].

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[redacted] each towing one 76-mm field gun; [redacted] part of the unit marched on Trost Strasse to the Trost Kaserne from Triester Strasse and the others proceeded on Windten Strasse to the garages at the water tower.

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Comment. [redacted] the artillery battalion of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt/Returned from the Doellersheim troop training camp to the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. The motor vehicle [redacted] belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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