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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT _____TOPIC Soviet Troop Units Leaving Letzling Heath 50X1-HUM

EVALUATION _____ PLACE OBTAINED _____ 50X1-HUM

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DATE OBTAINED _____ DATE PREPARED 23 October 1953

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REMARKS _____

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1. Between 3 and 7 October 1953, 8 or 9 empty trucks daily passed through Hillersleben bound for Haldensleben, while the same number of loaded trucks was observed passing in the opposite direction. Shipments observed included: 4 x JS-3 tanks, 3 T-34/85 tanks, 5 boxcars with personnel and 1 boxcar with billeting equipment, at 1:40 p.m. on 4 October; 8 T-34/85 tanks, 2 trucks and 6 boxcars, at 10 a.m. on 5 October; 7 T-34/85 tanks, 6 boxcars and 4 boxcars with billeting equipment, at 12:10 p.m. on 5 October; 8 tank trucks, 3 armored personnel carriers, 3 armored scout cars, 7 repair shop trucks, at 5:25 p.m. on 5 October; 6 JS-3 tanks, 5 T-34 tanks and 6 boxcars, at 11:25 a.m. on 6 October. No troop trains were observed after 8 October. 50X1-HUM
2. Prior to 9 October, the barracks installation in Hillersleben were not occupied to capacity. On 7 October, _____ tank trucks _____ 50X1-HUM
_____ at the barracks installation in the eastern portion of Hillersleben. All motor vehicle garages were occupied to capacity by trucks; 12 x 57-mm AT guns were also seen. A total of 8 T-34/85 tanks _____ 50X1-HUM
_____ at the barracks installation in the western portion of Hillersleben and 30 trucks loaded with billeting equipment including truck _____ were seen in the area north of the barracks installation. 50X1-HUM
1. _____ Comment. According to available information, the shipments observed may have carried component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div and/or the 7th Gds Tank Div or possibly of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM
2. _____ Comment. On 9 October, component units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div from Hillersleben were probably still in the Letzling Heath. However, there was no change in the occupation of the two barracks installations mentioned. According to previous observations, it was assumed that the barracks installation at the northeastern exit of Hillersleben quartered artillery units, while the barracks installation at the western exit of the town quartered tank units of the division. _____ 50X1-HUM

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