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1. Headquarters of the military district of Sofia is located in a 2-3 story building located at the corner of Sürdika and Triaditsa Streets. The two sides of the building situated on this corner are respectively 25 and 30 meters in length. The military district is divided into three sub-divisions as follows:
 - a. Sofiisko Voенno Okruzhi 1.
 - b. Sofiisko Voенno Okruzhi 2.
 - c. Sofiisko Voенno Okruzhi 3.

These numbers correspond with the jurisdiction zones of each section into which the city of Sofia and the surrounding area is divided.

2. Unidentified units with a total strength of 3,00-4,000 men are housed in the new barracks situated five or six kilometers from the eastern outskirts of Sofia, in the vicinity of Tsarigradsko Chausse, and adjacent to the road which leads to Plovdiv and Istanbul. Construction work on these barracks started in 1949-1950 and is now nearing completion. [Redacted] noted a total of seven or eight 2-3 story buildings.
3. Along the Yugoslavia frontier, work is allegedly in progress on the excavation of field fortifications. [Redacted]
4. Antiaircraft artillery emplacements are located on a hill approximately 50 meters high, situated in the vicinity of the Stalinski Redoubt on the east-southeast outskirts of Sofia. This emplacement includes seven or eight positions with 70-80 mm. guns. [Redacted]
5. An unidentified number of antiaircraft, single-barrel machine guns are located in Sofia on the terrace of the National Bank, a 3-story building

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situated in 9 September Square in front of the Dimitrov Mausoleum. [REDACTED]

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6. Reservists continue to be recalled for training in new Soviet weapons turned over to the Bulgarian Army. These reservists are recalled for three months and are drawn from the 1908-1928 classes. In the city of Sofia approximately 300 reservists were called up each day for an unknown period of time. They had to present themselves for a general check-up in a high school located on Tsar Simeon Street. The medical visit was very general and was taken care of by a commission of civilian doctors. Out of 300 men examined daily, approximately 250 were retained and sent within the day to training units.

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