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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] in November 1953, some billets at Werder airfield were repaired and subsequently occupied by VPL personnel including 1 major, 1 captain, and 4 lieutenants.¹

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2. At the end of November, the first dependents of Soviet officers arrived in Werder and a school for Soviet children was established at Werder airfield. About 70 Soviet women and children arrived by 5 December.² On 23 November, the checking of passes was intensified in the restricted area and the number of patrols was increased.

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3. [redacted] the building at Werder airfield [redacted] housed a laboratory on the ground floor and the ordnance shop on the second floor. The length of the building was about 35 meters. On the second floor was a room with a set about 3 x 3 x 3 meters, with many copper tubes, which bore resemblance to an alcohol distilling apparatus. Above the set was a dome-like air exhaust. About 5 young officers worked on long tables in the laboratory and the ordnance shop; they apparently performed chemical analyses. Devices observed on the tables included Bunsen-burners, various types of glass receivers and numerous test tubes filled with liquids of various colors. Captain Grigorian (fnu), 30 to 40 years old, was responsible for the ordnance shop and the laboratory. He wore golden epaulets with red stripes. The Soviet officers who worked in the installation were from 20 to 30 years old, ranked from sub-lieutenant to senior lieutenant, and wore silver epaulets with blue stripes and two crossed propellers and, on the left breast, an embroidered eagle with a red middle section.³

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4. In December, a Soviet Air Force transport unit of about 180 men and with an air force lieutenant colonel as chief was determined in the area of the former air force radio station in Glindow. Captain Barabanov (fnu) who was the supply officer of the unit, repeatedly telephoned direct to Werder.⁴

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5. Motor vehicles of Unit Pismak were parked in the repair hangar at Werder airfield. Dependents of the officers of the headquarters in Werder were allowed to come to Germany. However, the officers stated that they were not permitted to confiscate billets of the German population.² Generals of the headquarters were billeted at Nos 10 to 12 Zernsee, in the restricted area.

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6. Between 20 November and 19 December 1953, [redacted] trucks were used by Soviet Air Force commissaries for purchases at the Central Commissary (Basa) in Werder:

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Commissaries

Siryukov (1)

Voleyach (2)

Gitun (3)

Mazlov (4)

Bilyazki (5)

Ioporkov (8)

Mashkin (9)

Krushilnitski (11)

Eupitsin (12)

Gorshenkov (13)

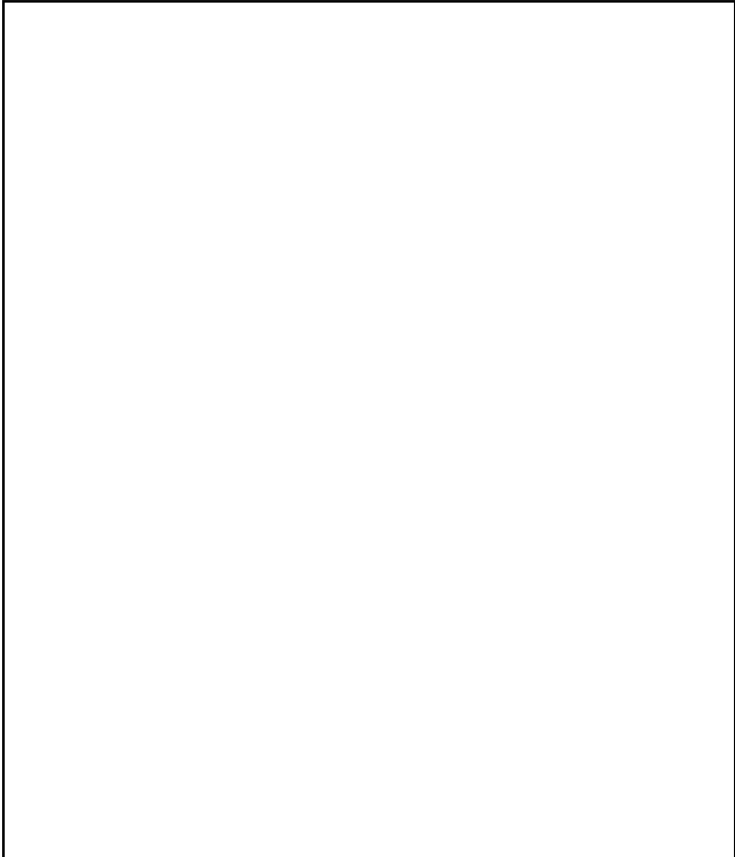
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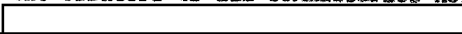
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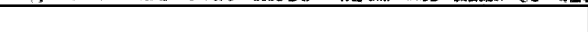


7. Since 20 November, Commissary Mashkin (9) has again been charged with the supply of Doeberitz-Elstal. On 12 and 13 December, the officers of all commissaries held a conference on Friedrichshohe in Werder. 

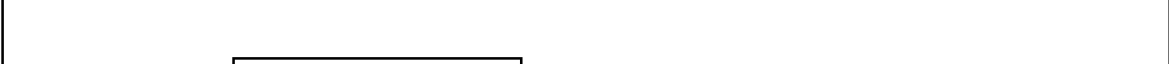
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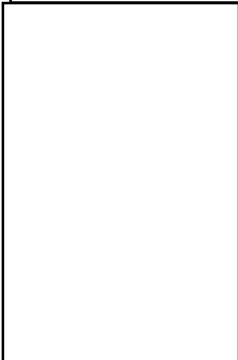
8. On 18 December, 3 political officers of the Basa, Werder, checked all of the books, pamphlets and photographs and gave orders that those with the name or picture of Maria were to be destroyed. 

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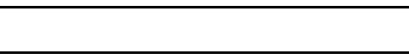


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- 25X1 1. Comment. The officers mentioned are believed to be liaison officers of the VPL (Aer oclub) who represent their commanders at the headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.
- 25X1 2. Comment. Soviet officers' dependents have also arrived at other airfields.
3. Comment. Captain Grigorian is reported for the first time.
4. Comment. Captain Barabanov was previously reported as supply officer of a transport of the Soviet Air Force.
- 25X1 5. Comment. The unit mentioned probably is a signal unit with Lieutenant Colonel Pismak as chief.
- 25X1 6. Comment. The commissaries supply the following units and military posts:
- Biryukov (1) Ftr Div in Finow
 - 25X1 [Redacted]
 - Volevack (2) Ftr Div in Zerbst.
 - Gitun (3) GA Div in Alt Loemewitz.
 - Mazlov (4) Ftr Div in Merseburg.
 - Bilyazki (5) Ftr Div in Laerz.
 - 25X1 Toperkov (8) Ftr Corps Hq in Wittstock [Redacted] 25X1
 - [Redacted]
 - Mashkin (9) Doeberitz, Elstal and Stendal.
 - 25X1 Krushinitski (11) GA Div in Brandenburg; [Redacted] 25X1
 - [Redacted]
 - Tupitsin (12) Ftr Div in Puetnitz.
 - Gorshenkov (13) Ftr Div in Grossenhain
 - 25X1 Komar (14) Ftr Corps Hq in Wittenberg [Redacted] 25X1
 - [Redacted]
 - 25X1 Shurunov (17) GA Corps Hq in Finsterwalde [Redacted] 25X1
 - [Redacted]
 - Magazine V (7) Wusterhausen.
 - Magazine VI (7a) Bad Searow. 25X1
 - Magazine XII (7b) Rangsdorf

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