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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 1. In the evening on 28 March 1954, a column of about 30 trucks without heavy weapons passed through Potsdam toward Nedlitzer Chaussee. [REDACTED] 25X1

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 2. During the night of 29 March, the troops from the Kavallerie Schule (2162) in Kramnitz left the installation toward Michendorf for an exercise, taking along vehicles, tanks and artillery pieces. A rear detail of 500 troops remained at the installation. The troops were allegedly to return on 4 and 5 April.

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 3. On 2 April, the barracks installations in Potsdam were occupied as follows:

the Adolf Hitler Kaserne [REDACTED] by about 120 soldiers;

the Kriegs Schule [REDACTED] by about 80 soldiers;

the Ludendorff Kaserne [REDACTED] by about 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets;

the Hohenlohe Kaserne [REDACTED] by 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia;

the northern section [REDACTED] of the Delius Kaserne by 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia;

the southern section [REDACTED] of the Delius Kaserne by 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops had left the post between 28 and 30 March. Traffic patrols which left toward Michendorf on trucks [REDACTED] were seen on the Potsdam -Michendorf road on 30 March.

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- [REDACTED] 4. In the morning of 4 April, 2 columns passed through Potsdam, moving along the extension of Luckenwalder Strasse through Nauener Tor. The first column included about 50 trucks including about 45 with mortars of about 120 mm and 3 trucks [REDACTED] 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, and 1 jeep, with each truck being accompanied by 2 soldiers. The second column

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included 10 rocket launchers, 1 radio truck and about 30 other trucks

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Comment. [redacted] 8 shipments with units of the 10th Gds Tank Div went from Satz Korn to Baruth on 29 March. According to the present and other information, the 63d Gds Tank Regt from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne and the 299th Gds Mort Regt and 359th Gds AAA Regt from the Kriegs Schule also moved out. [redacted]. The present report furthermore indicates that wheeled elements of the division reached the Baruth-Justerbo-Treuenbrietzen area by road. Exercises at reinforced division level were held there from 31 March to 3 April. The return by rail and road of the division was previously covered. In the present report, the 299th Gds Mort Regt and the 248th Gds RL Bn were identified. On 2 April, the Kriegs Schule allegedly quartered only 80 soldiers. If this proved true, it would indicate that the officer school of the GDFG is no longer located there. However, apart from the fact that a transfer of the school has not been observed so far, previous information on the strength of personnel would not support this assumption.

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