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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 2000 on 9 July and 0800 on 10 July 1954, two shipments with 11 and 9 JSU-2 tanks respectively left the Roederau railroad station toward Justerbo. The tanks, which had come from Camp Zeithain. [redacted] 25X1

2. On 10 July, 7 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] arrived at the Zeithain troop training grounds from the direction of Oschatz.<sup>2</sup> At about 2030, 8 JSU-122 and 2 JSU-249 guns were detrained at the Roederau railroad station and subsequently entered Camp Zeithain. [redacted] 25X1

3. Camp Zeithain was believed to be occupied by the following units: a heavy tank SP unit with about 40 JS tanks and 20 JSU guns; a medium tank unit with about 20 T-34 tanks; an artillery unit with about 10 x 122-mm field howitzers; a rocket launcher unit with 8 to 12 M-13 rocket launchers; and an AAA unit with about 12 x 37-mm AA guns. An informant stated that 80 to 100 apparently unused full-track vehicles were stored in a shed in the camp. [redacted] 25X1

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1. Comment. Tanks of the [redacted] are believed to belong to the 103th Tank Regt and tanks of the [redacted] to the 70th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Tank Div. 25X1

2. Comment. [redacted] the 23th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div is still stationed in Oschatz. 25X1

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3.  Comment.  a unit of the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div was ~~detained~~. Railroad records indicate that the unit came from Schwepnitz.

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4.  Comment. The occupation of the camp and the vehicle  observed confirm the location of the bulk of the 9th Tank Division in the training area. Additional units of the division from the Elica and Oschatz posts were continually rotated to the Zeithain troop training grounds for training.

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