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1. The KVP is organized into two tactical command areas. The northern portion of the GDR belongs to the command area of Territorial-Verwaltung (TV) 12 (territorial administration), while the southern portion of the GDR includes the command area of TV 24. Major General Rentzsch is commanding general of TV 12. 1 25X1
2. By 31 December 1954, the KVP will be increased by 14,000 men. By order of the Ministry of Interior and the FDGB (trade union), the nationalized enterprises have to pay a bonus of 50 to 150 DM East to each member who volunteers for the KVP. Specialists, however, were not allowed to volunteer. 2
3. NCOs and men who had served for three years will be discharged in the near future and registered in a reserve. 2 The KVP maneuvers in October were called off by the Ministry of Interior because of the elections on 17 October. 3

1. [Redacted] Comment. The designations TV 12 and TV 24 are known. A third command area, that of Mechanized Division Potsdam, is located in the central region of the GDR. 25X1

2. [Redacted] Comment. Special efforts for recruiting volunteers have been made for about three months. In September 1954, an increased number of recruits was inducted by several KVP units which, apparently, had vacancies resulting from discharges. It is believed improbable that, following the present methods of recruiting, an increase by 14,000 men will be reached by 31 December 1954. The figure possibly indicates that 14,000 replacements will be inducted for the same number of discharges. 25X1

3. [Redacted] Comment. It is believed that the KVP fall maneuvers were called off only for serious political reasons. It cannot be determined that this decision was made in connection with the elections. The present political situation, however, makes it plausible that the KVP is trying to remain in the background. 25X1

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