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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities prior to 7 November 1954:

A. Soviet Troop Dispositions, Movements and Exercises:

1. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

Elements of the 31st AAA Division were moved in one shipment from Velten to Fuerstenberg on 29 October.

2. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

The return of the 6th Guards Tank Division to Wittenberg was confirmed on 2 November. One train with 15 converted boxcars, two boxcars and four flatcars had gone from Wuensdorf to Wittenberg on 31 October. The return of the 80th Heavy Tank and SP Regiment of the 9th Mechanized Division to Installation 3300 in Drachhausen was determined on 2 November. Seven additional barracks are scheduled to be built at Drachhausen.

3. Third Shock Army:

The return of the army engineer battalion from Tangerhuetten to Barby was confirmed on 21 October.

4. Eighth Guards Army:

On 22 and 23 October, an artillery unit with 22 artillery pieces returned to the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) and the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) in Naumburg. The 76th Artillery Brigade was identified in Merseburg prior to 24 October. Elements of the 68th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division were observed detraining in Jena on 20 and 21 October. A rifle regiment of the 39th Rifle Division was observed at its post in Meiningen on 20 October.

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5. Fourth Artillery Corps:

Elements of the 34th Artillery Division returned in one shipment from Wildpark to Altengrabow on 22 October. One train carrying elements of the 32nd AAA Division with 32 x 37.2 mm AA guns went from Frankfurt/Oder toward Berlin on 30 October.

6. GSG Units:

On 19 October, three trains carrying major elements of the 36th Bridge Building Regiment went from Magdeburg to Coswig/Elbe, presumably for exercises in the Appolensdorf area.

7. Transportation:

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a. Personnel Exchange Program: Thirty-five eastbound occupied [] trains were definitely determined between 29 September and 4 November. It is believed that 24 additional trains were dispatched during this period. Forty-two westbound occupied [] trains were definitely determined during the afore-mentioned period and 29 additional ones are believed to have been dispatched. It is estimated that prior to 4 November 98,000 recruits arrived in East Germany and 81,000 discharges have been returned to the USSR. The following eastbound [] trains are scheduled to be dispatched between 9 and 16 November:

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from Bernau toward Kuestrin and eight trains [] from Jueterbog to Kuestrin via Frankfurt/Oder.

b. Dispatch of Flatcars: The detachment of empty flatcars from RED Berlin for shipment to Brest-Litovsk was interrupted on 3 November after the dispatch of []. No more than 1,000 flatcars could have been dispatched prior to this date. The purpose of the operation has as yet not been determined.

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B. KVP Developments:

Two hundred and fifty men of Infantry Regiment Prenzlau have been detached to Corps South. The KVP barracks in Niederschlag have been torn down.

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