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miscellaneous information on the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany, including the relocation of military units, transports of troops and equipment, and descriptions of Soviet installations and activities.

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21 Feb 58

Transports:

8/2/58 at 1725 hours, from Henningsdorf via Naun to Schwerin. 110 axles, less tons, loaded in Henningsdorf, AA guns, vehicles and personnel. Dg 19980

19/2/58 1600 hours. From Felten via Henningsdorf to Magdeburg. 58 axles, AA guns, vehicles, and personnel. Dg 19980.

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In the beginning of March 58, the 25th Guards Tank Regiment stationed in the casernes in Fuerstenwalde-Pest Strasse were evacuated from Frankfurt/Oder to an unknown location. taken over and guarded

Since 5 to 8 March the casernes have been ~~occupied~~ by the NVA, and the NVA is to occupy the casernes seen. In the Muehlenstrasse casernes formerly occupied by the 84th <sup>HTAG</sup> Regiment is the <sup>Tank</sup> [redacted] made up of infantry and tanks; the 84th <sup>HTAG</sup> Regiment is still in Frankfurt/Oder. <sup>mch Regt</sup> No units besides the 25th Regt have been removed from Frankfurt/Oder, and no new ones have come in.

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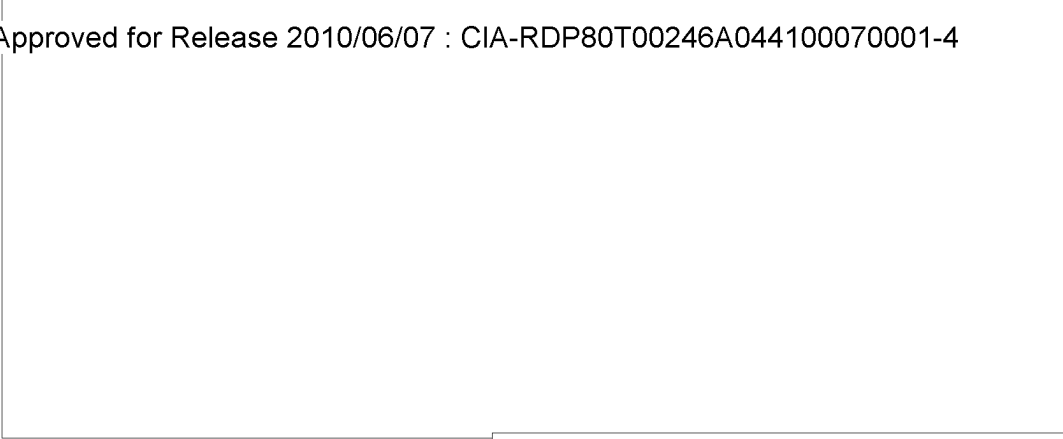
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The Braunnderfer-Strasse casernes are supposed to be evacuated, and already are partially, but will be occupied by other Soviet units. An antitank unit has been removed from Berkenbrück, but there is still a large vehicle park at Berkenbrueck. The other Soviet units are still in Fuerstenwalde. The departing Soviet troops, particularly officers, have sold many things, including furniture, quite cheaply to the German population. The officers could take only a limited amount of baggage with them, up to one truckload per officer, including family effects.

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A rather large engineer unit is stationed in Naumburg, in barracks on ~~Jenaer Strasse~~ *Laetlich Kaserne*.  
 There are many more Soviet officers in Naumburg than in Weissenfels, but more troops in Weissenfels.  
 Officer billets are on Scheenburger Strasse. In Allmerich, near Naumburg, the old bombed out  
 artillery casernes ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ *Hindenburg Kaserne* are being rebuilt for the Soviets, but are not occupied as yet. In the  
 Fledwinger Forest, 4 km from Naumburg, along the road to Jena, an exercise area (?) has been  
 built. The area is on the left side (going toward Jena) and is separated from the road by a  
 wire fence. New telephone lines have been laid in the area, one going to the engineer unit  
 in Naumburg, new shelters, bunkers, and a tent camp have been set up.

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There are three separate Soviet restricted areas in Naumburg--the caserne area in Jenaer Strasse, which is a large vehicle park and a rather large communications (not engineer) unit. Near the caserne area is a large villa which serves as an officers casino, and every evening light signals (Morse code?) are sent/and received ~~from~~ there from the Soviet area in Fleminger Forest;

2. Weissenfelder Strasse, mainly Soviet officer family residential area;

3. Scheenburger Strasse, garages for light military vehicles and a large motorcycle unit.

Most of the Soviet troops are at the Jenaer Strasse casernes, but small units are located in the other two restricted areas.

The Soviet camp in Fleminger Forest was established in autumn 1957, and consists of tents for the soldiers, bunkers, covered parking areas for vehicles (of which there are a large number). This camp is connected with the Jenaer Strasse casernes, and the soldiers wear the same yellow shoulderboards. Although the forest camp is called an exercise ground locally, it is too small to be that, and there is no firing practice there. The area is used by the German farmers to whom it belongs have access to it, to get wood.

Near Naumburg, close to the village of Scheenburg, is another Soviet camp in a wooded area, which is also called an exercise place, but at which there is no firing practice. There is no road into this area, and the Soviets use cross-country vehicles to enter it.

No units have been removed from Naumburg or Weissenfels, and no new troops brought in. On Feb 58, 26 three-axle Studebaker-type trucks came to Weissenfels by rail and were unloaded there. <sup>(fragments)</sup> On each truck was an apparatus of unknown type which was about 1.5 meters high and 2 meters wide (square). These pieces of equipment were covered with canvas, and there was nothing to observe except a few iron bars. This equipment was taken to the caserne on Selauer Strasse. The vehicles were not new.

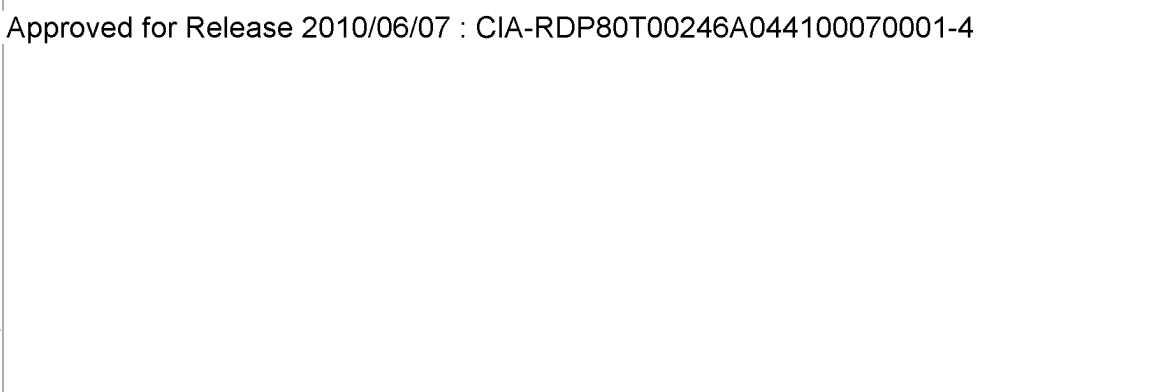
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On 17 Jan 58 6 flatcars loaded with/heavy AA guns each went from Berlin-Pankow to Velten via Hennigsdorf and were unloaded at Velten. From 8 to 24 Jan 58 20 tank cars went from Berlin-Pankow to Velten and were emptied there, probably fuel for Soviet units at Sachsenwald.

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On 31 Dec 57 at 2100 hours a massive search was instituted in the Fuerstenwalde area, for  
 were used  
 which/several specially formed Soviet patrols, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Peoples Police detachments,  
 Barracked Peoples Police detachments, Auxiliary Police detachments, Battle Group Units, ~~plant~~  
 and 100 from Gaselan plant) (150 men) (200 men from tire  
 and the Battle Groups of the SED Kreis Direction. The search was carried out in the town  
 of Fuerstenwalde and surroundings in the streets, railroad stations, autobahn, highways,  
 and in the woods. Several hundred armed men took part in the search; the Auxiliary Police and  
 and Battle Groups were armed with old German carbines. An East German police official  
 stated that a Soviet officer and two soldiers had escaped from the Frankfurt/Oder area.

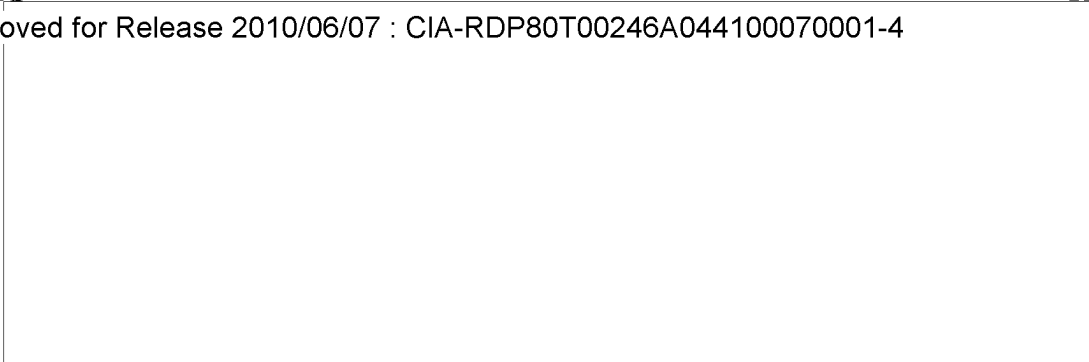
On 2 Jan 58 the search ceased; the police official stated that it had been unsuccessful,  
 that the Soviets had escaped. The officer was said to have been stationed in the former  
 cable plant in Fuerstenwalde, and had been ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ assisted by a German girl friend whom he  
 had known as long ago as four years before.

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18 March 58

Transports:

7/2/58 [redacted] from Henningsdorf to Schwerin, departing Henningsdorf at 2151 hours.  
120 axles originating in Schönwalde, loaded with AA guns, vehicles, and their  
crews.

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9/3/58 [redacted] from Wittenberg to Henningsdorf, arriving Henningsdorf at 0903 hours.  
80 axles, loaded with AA guns, vehicles, and their crews.

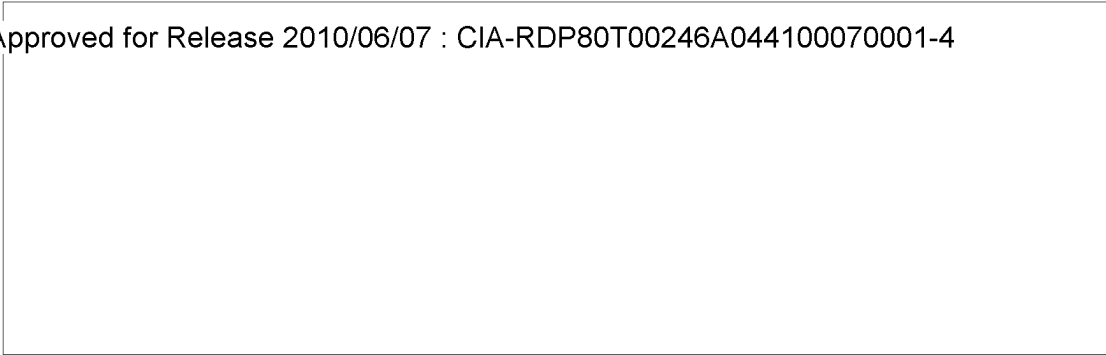
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25/2 to 11/3/58 25 tank cars of aircraft gasoline from Pankow to Felten.

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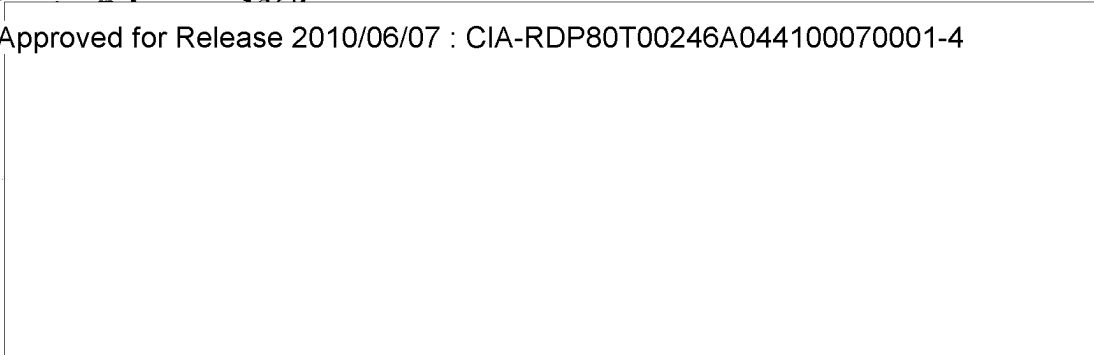
3 Jan 58

In the past four weeks there have been no new troop transports departing from Fuerstenwalde and none arriving, apart from small groups. About two transport trains per week, either empty or full, go to the same depot in Fuerstenwalde and two leave the depot. Other Soviet depots in the area receive about 3 to 6 loaded transports per week.

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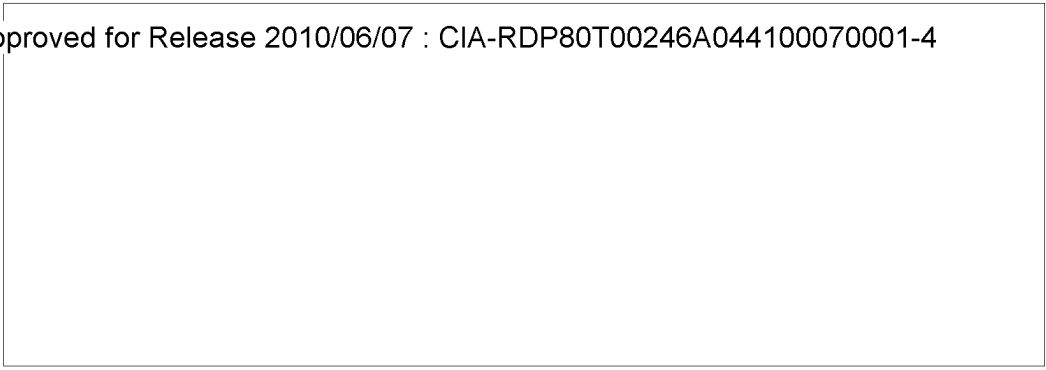
27 Feb 58

In late February 58 the Fuerstenwalde/Spree station was crowded with Soviet transports of freight and passenger cars. On 27 Feb the first transport, loaded with troops, tanks, and vehicles, left in the direction of Frankfurt/Oder; two cars, pulled by two locomotives, presumably going to the USSR. About 280 more cars remain in the station and are being loaded. Another transport was supposed to leave on 27 Feb, and in the next few days the entire complex was supposed to leave; about 3,000 men and their equipment were included in the wave.

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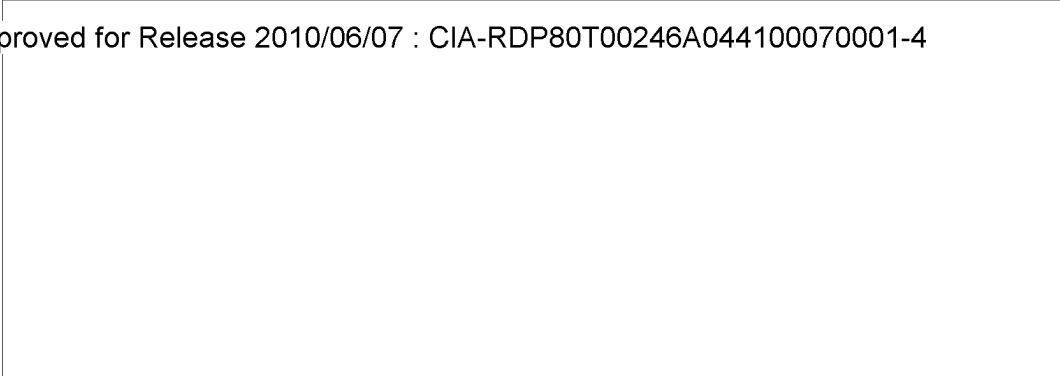
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A Soviet tank repair shop is located in Kirchmeeser, in the former rolling mill. Soviet are stationed right in the shop, and a large number of Germans are employed in the shop.


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On Feb 58 at 1145 hours a Soviet transport,  went to Henningsdorf from Oranien-  
burg, and was unloaded at Henningsdorf. 120 axes with AA guns, tracked vehicles, and troops.  
Unit symbol was a white circle and a square with the number 6 inside it.

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On 7 April 1958 a fire broke out in the area of ~~XXXX~~ <sup>the Soviet commandatura</sup> in Fuerstenwalde [Redacted]. The area round ~~XXXX~~ <sup>the commandatura</sup> was immediately restricted by the Soviets ~~and various~~ German houses ~~surrounding~~ <sup>administrative</sup> ~~XXXX~~. The city ~~authorities~~ of Fuerstenwalde sent some fire engines and red cross units to help the Germans inside the restricted area to safety. The Soviets ~~did~~ however not permit the German fire equipment nor the red cross to enter, but instead the Soviets ~~help~~ assisted the Germans to ~~ensure~~ safety, and once the Germans were out closed all roads leading to ~~XXXX~~ <sup>the commandatura</sup>. Soviet fire fighting equipment from Fuerstenwalde and as far as Keonigswusterhausen took part in putting out the fire. In all about 15 fire fighting units plus some special Soviet units. The fire was put out by about 17:30; there were no explosions, but the fire caused very black smoke.

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The Soviet canons with the long muzzle which arrived on 11 March 1958 at [Redacted] are stored in one of the halls of the former wire works (DeKala) Fuerstenwalde, Langewahler strasse.

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**Soviet Transports to Fuerstenwalde**

6 April 1958 Soviet transport from Brest-Litevsk to Fuerstenwalde [Redacted] (recipient Captain Iru SUYEV). Transport ~~included~~ <sup>now</sup> included 26 flatcars carrying 26 automobiles with small trailers. ~~The transport~~ <sup>was</sup> accompanied by about 50 men.

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[Redacted] the automobiles as follows: GAZ. Behind driver's cabin was a ~~apparatus~~ <sup>apparatus</sup> with many gauges, then two tanks lying flat, 1.50 m long, 2 m high, 2.60 m wide, resting on a thick layer of rubber, with ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~extinguish~~ <sup>extinguish</sup> ~~apigote~~ <sup>apigote</sup>, but with a 70-cm high double door on three hinges with a strong locking screw.

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early March 1958 Soviet transport from Brest-Litevsk to Fuerstenwalde

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[Redacted] The transport included 8 pieces of amphibian vehicles with a shovel-like piece attached to the front.

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Several Soviet units have left the Fuerstenwalde area; the Gartenstrasse caserne has been almost completely emptied with the exception of a few Soviet troops. Some of the Soviet troops ~~minimum~~ housed at the Braunsdorfer/<sup>strasse</sup> caserne have been removed ~~removed~~ as well as anti-aircraft ~~units~~ units from the airfield at Fuerstenwalde (they took small anti-aircraft equipment with them. If it is not known where these units were transferred, presumably to the Soviet Union.

In March 1958 new troops arrived at Fuerstenwalde, some by rail and some on foot. On 17 March 1958 a new anti-aircraft unit arrived in Fuerstenwalde and was quartered in the caserne at ~~Braun~~ Braunsdorfer strasse. Included are at least 20 pieces of anti-aircraft equipment (minimum 12.5 cm caliber with ~~Maendungsbranze~~ and gepanserten Zugmaschinen) and a corresponding number of troops (Exact number not known). ~~Exact number not known~~ Judging from letter correspondence found in the vicinity it can be assumed that this anti-aircraft unit has been assigned  *63rd AAA Div*


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Train Information: 18 March 1958 -  left Henningsdorf at 2105 hours destined for Schwerin. ~~120x120~~ 120 axles, carried troops and anti-aircraft equipment

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During the period 15 March - 1 April 1958 20 tankcars of gasoline (Leichtbenzin) were shipped to Felten.

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