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[redacted] the following additional information to subpar A5d(5) of report [redacted]

Border Guard Troops officers were also issued the following equipment:

<u>Quan.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Sword	Rust-free steel	White with black grip and black scabbard	Issued once for entire term of service; Supposed to be worn whenever mounted or on OD, but actually was worn very little. About one meter long, curved at bottom. The grip had no hand guard, but had a hole through which a leather thong was fixed around the hand, securing a firm grasp on the grip.
1 pr.	Spurs	Nickelplated iron	White	Issued for six years; supposed to be worn when mounted or on OD, but were actually worn very little. The nickel wore off very quickly, causing the spurs to rust.

Border Guard Troops officers assigned to OD duty wore a red brassard with the white letter "D Zh" (Dezhurnyy - OD). Senior Border Guard Troops officers assigned to Staff Duty Officer duty wore a red brassard with the white letters "OD" (Operativnyy Dezhurnyy - Staff Officer OD).

Border Guard Troops ~~EM~~ assigned to patrol the border on horseback were issued the following equipment:

<u>Quan.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Sword	Rust-free steel	White with black grip, handguard, and scabbard	Issued once for entire term of service; supposed to be worn whenever mounted, but actually was worn very little. About one meter long, curved at the bottom. It had a hand guard on the grip.

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<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1 pr.	Spurs	Copperplated iron	Yellow	Issued once for en- tire term of serv- ice; supposed to be worn whenever mount- ed, but were act- ually worn very little. The copper wore off very quick- ly, causing the spurs to rust.

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