Approved For Release 2009/07/23: CIA-RDP82-00047R000100350010-0 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT DATE DISTR. 6 Apr 52 25X1 USSR/Germany (Soviet Zone) COUNTRY Uniforms of the Soviet Armed Forces NO. OF PAGES 4 SUBJECT NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE ACQUIRED DATE ACQUIRED SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1 REPORT NO. DATE OF IN THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1

1. There are noticeable variations in the uniforms of soldiers and officers of the same rank in various branches of Soviet Armed Forces. the main reason for variation is simply tradition. The main variations are as follows:

(a) Army

- (1) Soldiers and NCOs are issued two sets of "khaki" (olive drab) uniforms, both of the same type and quality. One set is used as a work uniform, and the other as a holiday uniform ("vykhodnaya"). This uniform consists of a garrison cap (fur hat in winter), a sweat-shirt ("gimnasterka"), trousers and boots. The sweat-shirt is worn with a belt. Overcoat is made of a dark grayish (ash) color cloth. Arms in the Army are distinguished by different colors of shoulder boards and insignia. NCOs wear straps on shoulder boards.
- (2) Officers work and holiday uniforms consist of a visor cap, single-breasted jacket with five brass buttons (or a sweat-shirt), trousers and boots.

 The jacket and sweat-shirt are khaki; the trousers are navy-blue. The dress ("paradnaya forma") uniform consists of a visor cap, single breasted

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khaki jacket ("mundir"), navy-blue trousers and boots. A double breasted dark gray (ash) overcost serves for both types of uniforms. The color of the cap's band, shoulder boards, piping, and insignia differs, depending on the arm to which the officers belong. In summer officers wear sweat-shirts and trousers made of the same material as the soldiers' uniforms (khaki). Personnel of armored units wear the same uniforms as Air Force officers.

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slightly darker than in the Air Force.

(b) Navy

- (1) Sailors and Petty Officers wear a navy cap
 (without visor); a navy-blue flannel blouse of a
 normal international navy cut (called in the
 Seviet Navy "matroska"), with shoulder boards and
 a broad open-cut collar; black trousers; black
 shoes. As an outer garment naval enlisted personnel wear either a short black cloth overcoat
 ("bushlat"), or a full length overcoat. Both are
 single breasted. Ranks and insignia are worn on
 the shoulder boards.
- (2) Officers wear the international type naval black uniforms with shoulder boards, black double breasted overcoats and black visor caps. The summer uniform is of the same cut of white material.

(c) Air Force

- (2) Officers wear double breasted civilian cut khaki suits with six brass buttons, shoulder boards, and black shoes.

(d) MVD troops

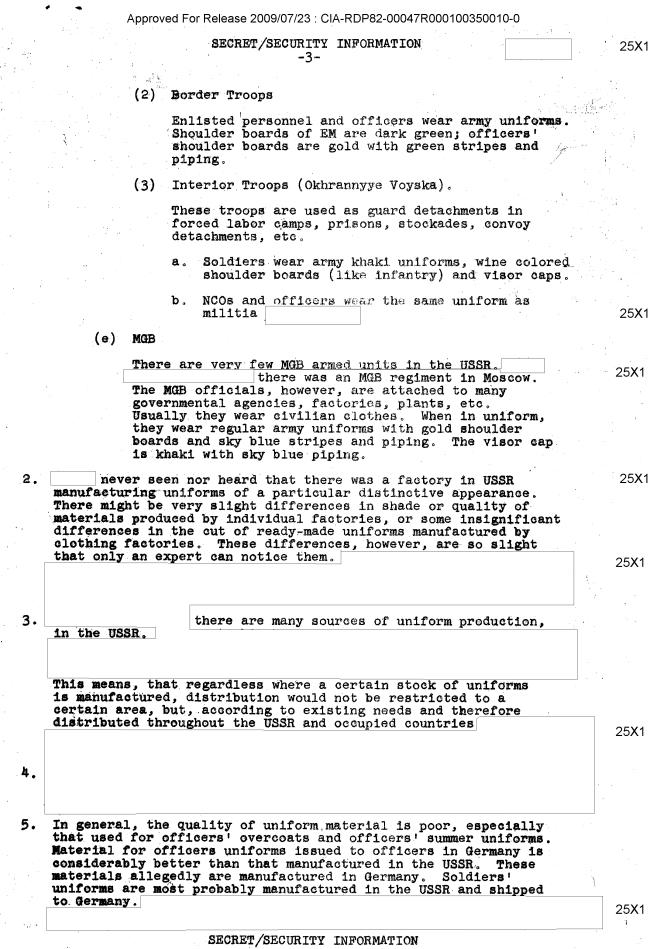
- (1) Militia
 - a. Personnel with ranks equivalent to NCOs in the Army

 wear officers' type single breasted navy blue jackets with five brass buttons and wine colored shoulder boards; navy blue trousers; black boots; navy blue visor cap; black, full length, double breasted overcoat with brass buttons; belt and Nagant revolver.

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b. Officers were the same uniform as described above but made of better quality material. They wear army type officers' shoulder boards.

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- 7. The Soviet Army does not provide for any dry cleaning facilities. Officers in Germany use German civilian facilities and the same practice is followed in the USSR. Laundries in the Soviet Army in Germany are organized as private concessions and use German facilities.
- 8. Officers and enlisted men in the Soviet Army are issued the same type of underclothing. Material used for underclothing is white cotton. Drawers are full length with buttons at the ankles and at the waist. Undershirts have long sleeves.

 Every piece of underclothing bears a manufacturing stamp.

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