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1. The state of the former Wehrmacht barracks in Wittenberg/Elbe (E-37) is as follows:

a. Taentzin Kaserne

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This barracks was converted into a military hospital a few weeks ago and then suddenly evacuated. At the end of April 1948, an infantry advance party arrived in the barracks to prepare them for occupation by infantry units which were expected to arrive shortly.

b. Beeseler Kaserne and Flak Kaserne

These two barracks were occupied by a tank regiment which was equipped with Joseph Stalin tanks only.

c. Brückenkopf Kaserne

This installation was occupied by units of the Soviet Air Force.

2. The following two compounds in Wittenberg were also solely Soviet-occupied:

a. The fenced-in area off the Thälmann Strasse (formerly Adolf Hitler-Strasse), previously occupied by Soviet families.

b. The villa area on either side of the Melachthonstrasse.

3. In view of the serious lack of accommodation in the town and the intended strengthening of the garrison, Russian dependents have been ordered to leave. The majority of Soviet families have already returned to the USSR.

4. The total Soviet garrison strength is at a minimum estimate 5,000 men. By the end of May 1948, with the arrival of new troops in the Taentzin Kaserne, it will be increased to at least 8,000 men. The Soviet Army personnel presently located in Wittenberg is well-disciplined and well-equipped. Attacks on the civil population are rare and are severely punished.

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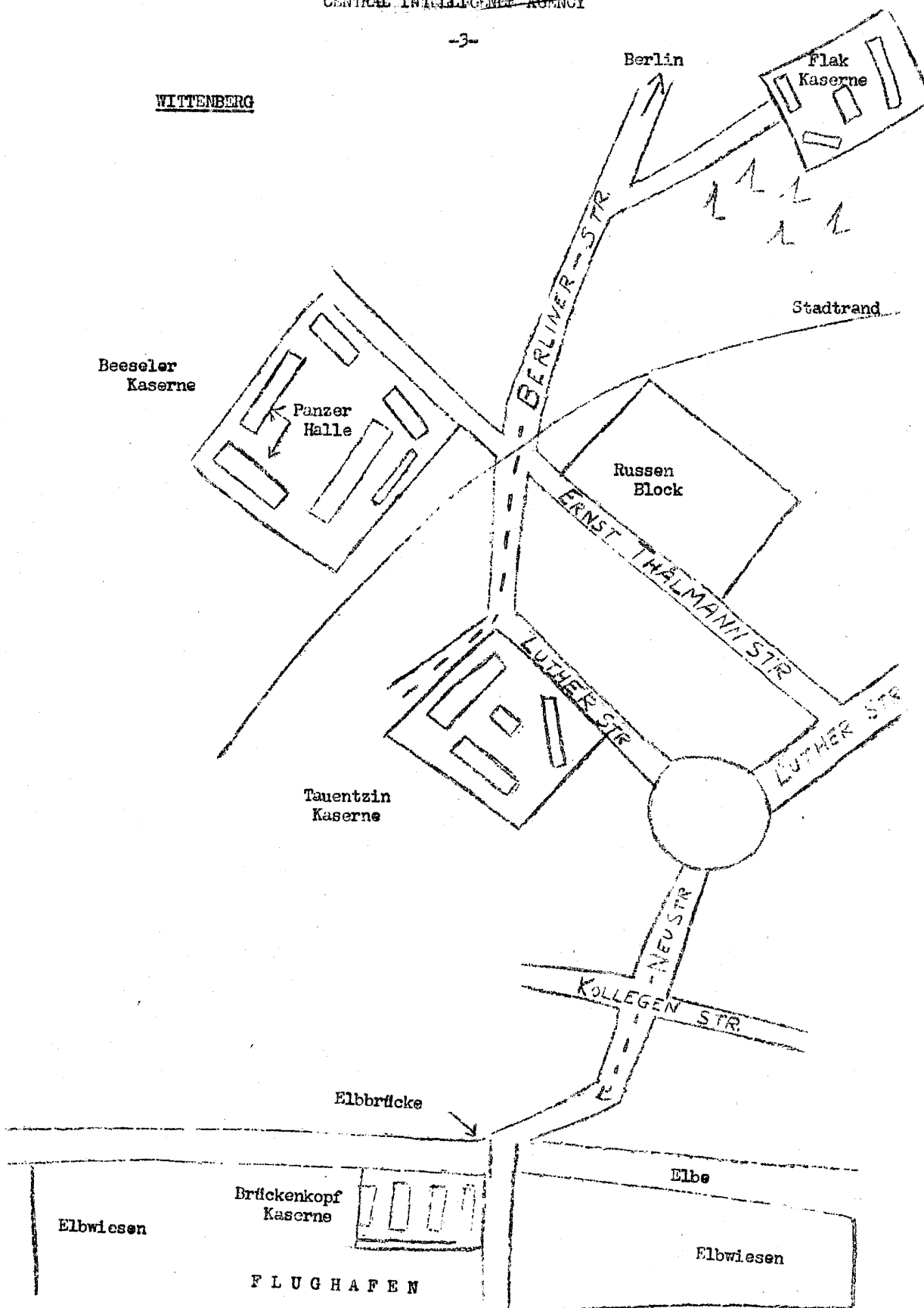
5. The local MVD headquarters is located in the Amtsgericht.
6. The Komendatura is situated in the Stadthaus, the Commandant being Lt. Colonel Handelsmann.

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