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COUNTRY Soviet Zone, Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 25X1A
TOPIC Soviet Troops Moving Through WITTENBERGE on South-Bound Trains and Convoys

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1C

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SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1X 1. Several trains with Soviet troops and large motorized columns passed through WITTENBERGE (M 53/Y 59), heading south, between 23 and 26 June 1949.

2.a. About 1,000 motor vehicles passed through WITTENBERGE during this period, mostly coming from the direction of PERLEBERG (M 54/T 70). Trucks with equipment, repair shop trucks, trucks with charging units and field kitchens were almost exclusively observed in daytime, while troops were shipped chiefly at night.

b. The following detailed observations were made:

25X1C (1) [REDACTED] several trains with tanks and antitank guns passed through WITTENBERGE and proceeded in the direction of STENDAL (M 53/Y 85) [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1C (2) [REDACTED] two south-bound trains with sections of car-
tonment buildings moved through WITTENBERGE (observed by an
25X1A [REDACTED])

25X1C (3) [REDACTED] a south-bound convoy of about 30 four-wheel
armored reconnaissance cars passed through WITTENBERGE. Five
25X1A of the cars were equipped with loop antennas (observed by
25X1C [REDACTED])

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4. Bivouacking Soviet units with guns were seen in the woods about 3.5 miles west of SEEHAUSEN (in 53/Y 68).

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Comment:

a. [REDACTED] ponent units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre), i.e. 6th and 7th Gds Mecz Divs (Cadre) and army Hq troops. Therefore component units of the two divisions and army Hq troops should have practiced in the area south of WITTLBERGE (SEEHAUSEN ?) late in June 1949. However, no such information was supplied by other sources. On the contrary, it is known that, at the same time (late June 1949), tank troops of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) held exercises in the TEMPLIN area and troops of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) held exercises in the LIMBERG area.

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b. The above report is forwarded with reserve. Should the report be confirmed, it could be inferred that, predominantly, motorized units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) (i.e. units on wheels exclusively) participated in the exercises in the area south of WITTLBERGE late in June 1949, while the tank units proper practiced in the training areas in eastern Brandenburg (including the TEMPLIN and LIMBERG areas) at the same time.

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