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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT [redacted]

TOPIC 1st Ernst Thaelmann Volkspolizei-Panzerbereitschaft in Grossenhain

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Designation: 1st Ernst Thaelmann Panzerbereitschaft.
The unit is composed exclusively of SED members and considered the most reliable and powerful Volkspolizei unit in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Quarters : Polizei Kaserne on Karl Liebknechtstrasse.

Strength : About 1,000 police.

Organization : Hundertschaften

Personnel : Volkspolizeiinspektor Behrens, CO of Bereitschaft.
Behrens allegedly was a tank officer and a member of the National Committee Free Germany.

Armament: Forty T 34 tanks (available for action).

Training: Military training with special emphasis on political indoctrination.
The unit had 14 Soviet instruction officers.

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[redacted] It cannot be determined whether the Polizei Kaserne on Karl Liebknechtstrasse is the Husaren Kaserne on Elsterwerdaerstrasse [redacted]

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[redacted] the unit is equipped with 40 T 34 tanks. [redacted] it was equipped with small armored vehicles; [redacted] 20 tanks of unidentified type moved from the Grossenhain railroad station to the Polizei Kaserne.

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