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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Tank Exercise South of Leegebruch

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X6 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

DATE OF CONTENT 30 and 31 March 1950

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A6a DATE PREPARED 12 May 1950

REFERENCES

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1. Light tanks, coming from the direction of the Germendorf (Z 67) airfield, were seen in the Velten woods late on 25X1A6a [REDACTED]. They stayed there until 4 or 5 a.m. on [REDACTED] when they returned toward the airfield.

2. The following observations were made between 10 : 30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on [REDACTED] : 25X1A6a

a. Twelve tanks and trucks [REDACTED] coming from the direction of the airfield, moved into the Velten woods about 10 : 30 a.m. Each truck was occupied by 36 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. One of the trucks towed a mortar of 80 to 100 mm caliber. The trucks were followed, at a distance of 300 meters, by an unnumbered radio truck.

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b. Tanks and trucks were camouflaged with brushwood. The troops remained on the trucks during the period of observation. No further training activity was observed.

c. Four tanks and the two trucks proceeded toward Leegebruch (Z 67) about 6 p.m., while the remaining eight tanks headed north along the eastern border of the airfield.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment :

The report shows that small-scale exercises at unit level were conducted in the area mentioned, in March 1950.

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The report does not give any lead as to the identity of the unit. The [redacted] may be assigned to the 25th Tank Div, while the [redacted], previously observed only in Land Saxony, may belong to the MGB/MVD.

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