00457R0056QQ1700Q9x7A Approved For Release 2001/03/05 CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY Soviet Zone of Germany ___REPORT NO COUNTRY ___ Military Information from Merseburg and Weissenfels TOPIC_ 25X1A 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED. EVALUATION__ DATE OF CONTENT__ 28 July 1950 LDATE PREPARED. DATE OBTAINED_ 25X1A REFERENCES ___ 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS_ 25X1X Merseburg (M 52/D 91) The Flak Kaserne on Geusaerstrasse was occupied only by a small rear detail. No training activity was observed. 25X1B Motor vehicle tified. * Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) A rear unit of 50 to 70 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets was located in the barracks on the northern side was identified 25X1B of Selauerstrasse. in the barracks area. A guard unit of about 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets was quartered in the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse on 21 June 1950. ** The sentry in front of the kommandatura on Thornerstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. The kommandatura had moved to Thornerstrasse from the Rasalskistrasse some time 5. A rear unit of 70 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets was seen in the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of 25X1B Selauerstrasse on 27 June 1950. tified there. The houses on both sides of Jungstrasse, which had been occupied by Soviet officers' dependents, were vacant. 7. Only a few soldiers were seen in the barracks on the southern

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side of Selauerstrasse on 27 June 1950. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 25X1B

3. The sentry in front of the kommandatura on Thornerstrasse, corner of Selauerstrasse, wore red-bordered black epaulets.

Comment. The information confirms reports that most of the artillery units in Merseburg, possibly elements of the 38th AT Arty Brig. were at a troop training grounds in June 1950. See

Comment. Agrees with a previous report by the same source stating that the units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Weissenfels had moved to the Kindel troop training grounds by mid-May 1950. See

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