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1. On 20 September 1950 it was learned that the 5th VP Bereitschaft of Land Thuringia in Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) has been brought up to a strength of more than 2,000 police since the end of August 1950. It was said that more quarters were being prepared to house the unit's personnel. New olive drab VP uniforms were being taken to the quartermaster supply rooms to be stocked there.
2. The 10th VP Bereitschaft of Land Thuringia, an infantry unit, was located in the former Spinnhuetten (spinning mill), Apolda. The Bereitschaft had about 1,500 police and was commanded by VP Oberrat Walter, (fnu). VP Oberkommissar Kressmann, (fnu), was identified as the unit's supply officer. *

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The 5th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) of Land Saxony-Anhalt (not of Land Thuringia) in the former Artillerie Kaserne of Weissenfels and the 10th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) of Land Thuringia in the Spinnhuetten of Apolda were repeatedly confirmed prior to August 1950.

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See [REDACTED]. The strength of the two units is considered too high even if the reassignment of VP school graduates may have resulted in a slight increase of the units which have been so far estimated at 900 to 1,000 police each.

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