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1. A large number of Soviet troops, including troops with black service color, were stationed in Koormend, prior to January 1951. Local residents agreed that the number of troops at the post was more than 1,000. During the first half of October 1950, Soviet units returned to the post by rail from the Haymasker (P 18/D 69) troop training grounds.
2. About 60 to 70 Soviet trucks and a number of armored vehicles in two large wooden sheds were observed in the park of the Bathyanyi Castle. Two tanks, each mounting a revolving turret with a gun of 60 to 90 mm caliber, were repeatedly seen leaving the castle premises. Tanks of the same type were also seen at firing practice in the area south of the city, between Galogy (Y 3/C 62), and Ladasd (Y 3/C 75).
3. Soviet officers were seen in the Korona Hotel and Soviet enlisted personnel in the Kardos Hotel, in the former district court building west of the castle, and in the Szvari House on Hosszu Street. \*
4. Source was unable to supply details on the Hungarian border guard troops also stationed in Koormend.

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Comment. The report agrees with previous information on the occupation of Koormend by Soviet troops. Among other units, a tank regiment of the 17th Gds Leez Div is believed to be stationed there.

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