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REMARKS

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1. On 4 May 1951, the tanks previously observed in the yard of the Flak Kaserne, Halle (M 52/D 92)-Coermlitz, were no longer seen, but the majority of the troops stationed there seemed to be still in their quarters. Motor vehicles

were observed at the installation on 5 May.

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2. Two truck convoys left the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at about 10 a.m. on 5 May. The first convoy consisted of 50 trucks which were not occupied by troops, but towed 10 to 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns and several field kitchens. The truck drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Officers were seen in the driver's cabs of many trucks.

They moved toward the Brandberge on the northwestern perimeter of Halle and may have proceeded via Giebichenstein (M 52/D 93).

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The second convoy consisted of about 200 trucks, some of which towed 3 ZIS AT guns; ambulances; field kitchens; and 12 armored reconnaissance cars

Since each truck carried from 15 to 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, the total number of troops with the convoy was about 2,000. The convoy moved along Saarbrueckerstrasse toward Giebichenstein.

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After the two truck convoys left the installation, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by only a rear unit. *

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3. The Luftnachrichten Schule still quartered about 1,500 troops on 4 and 5 May. Intensive training activity and schooling of student drivers were observed on these two days.

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* [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] an engineer exercise began in the Dessau-Aken area on 6 May 1951. [Redacted] analysis indicates that elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div participated in the exercise.

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[Redacted] Vehicles [Redacted] of the 21st Gds Mecz Div which [Redacted] left Halle on 5 May 1951 were also observed in the Dessau Aken area on 6 May 1951. Since the motor convoys departing from Halle included 20 vehicles of headquarters units of the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, it is believed that elements of this corps were also employed in the engineer exercise.

** [Redacted] Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Luftnachrichten Schule.

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