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REMARKS

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1. On 26 May 1951, Camp Hannelspring in the Templin (N 54/U 31) training area was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. About 400 troops, in units of 30 to 40 men were seen marching through the camp. About 150 troops, in groups of 20 to 30 men, received infantry training on the meadows south of the camp. Twenty-five JS tanks, 60 to 70 trucks, 10 to 15 passenger cars and several ambulances and tank trucks were parked along the eastern edge of the camp. Local residents stated that the number of troops in the camp was about 2,000. No gun fire was heard from the training area. The road barriers on the approach roads were guarded by sentries. Vehicles seen on the Templin-Hannelspring road, including some moving into the camp, were numbered

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2. On 26 May, about 30 officers, including 10 field-grade officers, and 170 to 200 EM were standing at the Templin railroad station, waiting for the Frankfurt/Oder-bound train. Source overheard some soldiers say that they were to go to Frankfurt/Oder. Railroadmen and local residents stated that soldiers had been repeatedly seen boarding this train on the preceding days. **

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. The vehicles belong to the units of the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Lecz Div and to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army which are believed to be staying at the troop training grounds.

25X1A** [REDACTED] Comment. The EM were probably discharges of older classes which have been observed returning to the U.S.S.R. since 1 June 1951. The officers were either reservists due for demobilization or going on leave.

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