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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 25X1A

TOPIC Military Information from the Letzling Heath Training Area

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1C

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 17 August 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1X 25X1C

1. On 21 June 1951, only [REDACTED] each carrying about 12 soldiers, were seen on the Jewenitz-Letzlingen-Born road in the Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53) training area. The road was open to civilian traffic. Gunfire was heard throughout the day from the artillery range east of the Jewenitz-Born road. Trucks with troops seen driving from the direction of Gardelegen along the Gardelegen-Salchau road as far as the Letzlingen-Schnoeggensburg crossroads were [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1C [REDACTED] The tent camp previously observed in the woods about 500 meters northwest of the aforementioned road intersection was no longer there. In its place, there was a hutment surrounded by a board fence. The troops quartered there were estimated at 1,000 to 2,000. The fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED] was 25X1C found at the former site of the tent camp. *

2. The improvement work on the barracks installation south of Uchtspringe was conducted under the designation of "state settlement." **

25X1C [REDACTED]

25X1A [REDACTED]

25X1A Comment. On 13 June 1951, [REDACTED] Soviet troops in a tent camp 5 km northwest of Salchau and identified vehicles primarily of the 19th Gds Mecz Div there. [REDACTED] which is on the envelope described in the present report, belongs to the 99th Gds How Arty Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div and confirms that the tent camp quartered components of this division. The hutment there seems to have been newly built, possibly from the wooden barracks removed from the former camp site south of Hottendorf. [REDACTED]. It is believed that the components of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, that were previously accommodated in the tent camp, are now occupying the new hutment.

25X1A Comment. The reconstruction of former German Armed Forces buildings 25X1A south of Uchtspringe was previously reported by the same and [REDACTED]

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~~Comment.~~ Most of the vehicles belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and individual ones to the 7th Cds Tank Div, the 18th Mecz Div and the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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