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TOPIC Soviet Tank Repair Shop at Kirchmoeser-West

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REMARKS

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1. Between 21 October and 3 November 1951, 50 tanks, apparently type JS-III, were parked in the open on the premises of the Soviet tank repair shop at Kirchmoeser-West. Sixteen more tanks of the same type were in the former locomotive shed. Three or four tanks left the shed daily between 21 and 28 October, proceeding toward the open country and returning in the evening.

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2. [REDACTED] no entraining or detraining of tanks during the time of observation, probably caused by the unfinished status of the ramp and the parking lot.

3. Before being overhauled, the tanks were disassembled down to axles and hull. The hulls were mounted on wooden blocks running on rails. After being overhauled, the tanks were reassembled in the main hall. Spare parts were manufactured in the work shops. Unusually large stocks of bogie wheels and axles were available. The turning shop in the main hall was provided with not less than 20 lathes. **

4. The personnel at the tank repair shop is estimated at about 1,000 men. The work shop company was equipped with 3 trucks mounting a hoisting gear, 1 tank chassis mounting a hoisting gear and about 10 other trucks.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms the Soviet tank repair shop, [REDACTED], on the premises of the former German railroad repair plant at Kirchmoeser until early November 1951. It belongs to the 123d Central Tank Repair Shop of the GDRG, [REDACTED] in Muellrose and Kirchmoeser. 25X1C

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Reports on rail movements indicated that there is an increase in the supply of spare parts discernible at present. For instance, there were about 70 boxcarloads of spare parts listed in September 1951.

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25X1A** [REDACTED] Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the GDRG and to the 7th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecc Army.

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