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1. On 29 November 1951, it appeared that Soviet officers received classroom instruction in the Koerner Schule on Zinna Strasse, Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 70). (1)

2. On 29 November, sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia guarded the restricted area on Grabenstrasse. All buildings in that area were lighted at dusk. Officers and NCOs wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia were seen there.

3. On 29 November, source observed that a high-echelon headquarters was located in the Friedrich Ebert Schule in the restricted area on either side of Luckauer Strasse. Numerous officers were seen entering and leaving the Friedrich Ebert Schule. About half of them were field-grade officers, mostly with artillery and tank insignia and some with signal insignia. (2)

4. Between 8 and 9 a.m. on 29 November, about 50 officers went from the officers' mess in the Henning Cafe to the Friedrich Ebert Schule, where, subsequently, a total of about 35 field-grade officers and 20 company-grade officers fell in at about 9 a.m. and were reported by a colonel to a two or three-star general. The officers departed afterwards [redacted]

25X1 At about 4 p.m., the same general left the billets at 70 Park Strasse for the Friedrich Ebert Schule in [redacted]

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5. On 28 November, the buildings of the Norddeutsche Maschinen Fabrik on Industrie-strasse were lighted at dusk. They apparently quartered a signal unit. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] was seen in the installation. (4)

6. On 20 November, the eastern section of Stalag I, which is situated south of the road fork formed by the Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde and Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde highways, was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. The section included 15 low wooden barracks buildings with a total billeting capacity of about 1,200 troops. All were lighted at dusk. The western section of Stalag I was vacant. A major and 25 soldiers with rifles marched to the firing range, one officer and 10 BM with closely cropped hair, were engaged in athletic activities. 15 to 20 sidecars of motor vehicles were on blocks in the installation. [redacted]

25X1 were observed at the billeting area. (5)

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7. On 29 November, Stalag II on Luckenwalde-Frankenfoerde highway was occupied by about 850 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The nine low wooden barracks buildings seen in the billeting area were fully lighted at dusk. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

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8. On 13 October, the house at 7 Schieferling Strasse on the eastern edge of the Norddeutsche Maschinen Fabrik was occupied by officers and women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

9. On 14 November, 30 soldiers were observed drilling on the premises of the Norddeutsche Maschinen Fabrik. On 17 November, Soviet Colonel Martinov (fnu) ordered a local craftsman to make a model of a tank obstacle. Between 11 and 24 November, the generator of the radio station in the Norddeutsche Maschinen Fabrik ran every night from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. (4)

10. On 21 November, a motor column of 15 sidecar motorcycles, each carrying 3 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and every second motorcycle mounting a machine gun, and 1 motorcycle without sidecar left Stalag I south of the road fork formed by the Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde and Luckenwalde-Frankenfoerde highways. On 24 November, emplaced AA guns were observed on Brandenburger Strasse, Luckenwalde, 200 meters southeast of the intersection of Brandenburger Strasse and Frankenfelder Strasse. (5)

11. In early October, one General Palinov (fnu) and his dependents returned to the U.S.S.R. The general was said to have been the commanding officer of the restricted area on either side of Luckauer Strasse, the Hindenburg Schule and the municipal theater.

12. On 23 November, 15 soldiers practiced aiming with two 57-mm AT guns in the area southeast of Stalag I. 25X1

13. On 2 November, five trucks, [Redacted] observed driving to Stalag III southwest of Luckenwalde. They were occupied to capacity by soldiers, and towed 37-mm AA guns. [Redacted] Stalag III on 24 November. (5) 25X1

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14. On 27 November, soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia, were seen on the premises of Norddeutsche Maschinen Fabrik on Industriestrasse. Numerous trucks and sedans were garaged there. (4)

15. Between 14 and 27 November, the following motor vehicles were observed at the parking lot belonging to the restricted area astride of Luckauerstrasse and in the billeting area:

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