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REMARKS

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1. On 23 November 1951, source observed that the civilian apartment houses on both sides of Stifter Strasse, Jena (M 51/I 61), had been surrounded by a board fence and added to the billeting area of the Loebstedt Kaserne on Naumburgerstrasse. (1) On 24 November five tanks were seen in the billeting area of the Loebstedt Kaserne and tank to the installation. One T-34 tank and truck were seen in the billeting area on 28 November. Groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and carrying carbines, targets, telephone and radio equipment were seen entering and leaving the installation during the period from 23 to 29 November. (2)

2. On 23 November, JS tank and 12 soldiers practicing with three 37-mm AA guns were seen in the yard of the Zwaetzen Kaserne on Naumburgerstrasse. About six frames resembling those of rocket launchers were seen in a garage of the installation.

3. On 24 November, the Polizei Kaserne on Mathenaustrasse quartered about 600 troops. A unit of about 400 soldiers with about 100 of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation for the motion picture theater, while about 10 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets marched out of the billeting area with targets. 25X1

4. On 27 November, a training area containing a fire lane and a close-combat course was noticed on the Saale River bank east of Neuengonna, 8 km northeast of Jena. 25X1

5. On 24 November, source learned that the apartment houses on both sides of Leo Sachse Strasse, including the girls' school, between Drevenstrasse and Hoelderlinweg, had been surrounded by a fence and declared a military hospital area. 25X1
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Comments.
(1) The information confirms a report by another source.
(2) The Loebstedt Kaserne and the Zwaetzen Kaserne still quartered sizable components of the 20th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1A
(3) The identity of the troops in the Polizei Kaserne has not been determined. The vehicles observed there belong to a motor transport unit of the XXVIII Gds Mecz Rifle Corps.

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(4) Apparently a military post training field for the units in the
Loebstedt Kaserne and the Zwaetzen Kaserne. [Redacted]

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(5) The new restricted area in the southeastern sector of the city
is reported for the first time. [Redacted]

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