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TOPIC Troop Units and Military Installations in Sibiu

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- 25X1 1. About June 1951, [redacted] a Rumanian officer candidate school  
 was located in the former Imperial and Royal Austrian Cadet Academy, in a  
 25X1 park near the so-called Young Woods on the southwestern perimeter of Sibiu  
 (R 35/R 20), on the east side of the road to Ioplaea (R 35/W 19). [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] officer candidates who were between 16 and 20 years old.  
 25X1 [redacted] courses for young Rumanian officer candidates of all  
 branches of service were continuously held at the school. [redacted] 25X1  
 25X1 [redacted] the arrival of Rumanian officer candidates at the Sibiu railroad  
 station in the fall of 1950.
- 25X1 2. The Rumanian military arsenal was located northeast of the officer candidate  
 school, and on the same side of the road. It was an old installation which,  
 25X1 [redacted] was equipped with modern  
 machinery. [redacted] the arsenal was to be moved to the  
 area of Avrig (R 35/W 49). The arsenal premises, which were guarded from  
 watchtowers, had a road frontage of about 150 meters and extended in depth  
 for about 100 meters. It contained several large workshop-like buildings.  
 25X1 [redacted] the unloading of shipments of damaged weapons  
 and vehicles at the Sibiu railroad station. Material requiring repair, which  
 was hauled from the station to the arsenal by caterpillar tractors, included  
 large quantities of AA guns and field guns, a few heavy artillery pieces,  
 and undetermined quantities of trucks of various types and tanks with damaged  
 tracks and suspensions or without tracks and suspensions. The tanks observed  
 were only about 4 meters long, had bogie wheels and track-supporting rollers,  
 and mounted a rather long, slim gun barrel with a muzzle brake with baffles.  
 Overhauled weapons and vehicles were usually shipped away by the trainload.  
 They always had a new coat of paint, and artillery pieces were equipped with  
 new leather covers over muzzles and breechblocks. [redacted] 25X1  
 25X1 [redacted] the en-  
 training of overhauled AA guns of about 50 mm, artillery pieces of from 100  
 to 120 mm on wheels with rubber tires, limbers, field kitchens and trucks.  
 25X1 [redacted] never saw tanks being shipped out. The arsenal was operated  
 by Rumanian soldiers and civilians, and by personnel of Rumanian labor  
 battalions.
3. In May or June 1951, for the last time, Rumanian artillery units were observed  
 in a large barracks installation of four-story brick buildings on the west  
 side of the road to Cismadie (R 35/W 29). When leaving the billeting area  
 for field training, the troops were equipped with artillery pieces of about

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100 mm with limbers drawn by teams of six horses each. The artillery pieces had short barrels, protective shields and spoked wheels without rubber tires.

- 4. Another barracks installation, adjoining the above mentioned Artillery Barracks to the south, quartered an undetermined number of Rumanian troops who wore berets. No specific information on these troops could be supplied.
- 5. There were two more barracks installations on the road to Brasov (R 35/X 37). One of them was the so-called Cavalry Barracks which quartered a mounted unit.

6. The former Honved Barracks in the northwestern sector of Sibiu, which was located on the east bank of the Cibin River and on the north side of the street leading to the Turnisor Borough, had been vacated by Rumanian troops about June 1951 and was later reconditioned. [redacted] the installation was intended to house the administration of several nearby factories.

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7. Until June 1951, the Militia headquarters was located on the main square in the center of the city, opposite the Catholic church. Offices and apartments of security personnel were located on the former Schewis Lane, opposite the girls' secondary school. Security personnel wore army-style uniforms with light-blue service color. \*

8. No Soviet troops were noticed in the city of Sibiu and its vicinity until July 1951. A locomotive engineer said that Soviet troop trains had been conveyed to western Rumania between March and May 1951. [redacted]

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[redacted] Soviet units were permanently garrisoned in Craiova (R 33/3L/A 83). \*\*

9. Rumanians who were considered politically unreliable and members of the Hungarian minority were inducted into special labor battalions for a two-year period rather than into regular troop units. Only part of the personnel of the labor battalions wore uniforms.

10. The people of Sibiu were cautioned not to go to remote localities and mountain lodges in the Carpathian Mts. because of partisan activities there.

\* [redacted] Comment. This report substantially confirms information of April 1951, [redacted] concerning military installations in Sibiu and their occupation. [redacted]

\*\* [redacted] Comment. This statement supports previous information concerning the presence of Soviet troops in Craiova.

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