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REMARKS			

- 25X1 Prior to February 1951, the Clausewitz Kaserne in Sprottau (O 52/B 35) was occupied to capacity by Soviet motorized troops. This kaserne is located in the northwestern sector of the town, south of the Sagan (O 52/B 26)-Glogau (O 52/B 77) railroad line and was bounded by Hampelbergstrasse on the north, ul.Sobieskiego on the east, and Kasernenstrasse on the south. It was undamaged and consisted of 2 large barracks buildings, 1 headquarters building, 1 administrative building, 1 mess building with kitchen and PX, and 5 or 6 modern garages. The Soviet unit there was equipped with numerous motor vehicles, most of which were trucks. No heavy weapons or armored vehicles were noticed. Troops equipped with wire reels, field telephones and headsets participated in small-scale field exercises. From 30 to 45 soldiers practiced with signal equipment in the area toward Kortnitz. The commanding officer of the unit was billeted in a villa on the east side of ul.Sobieskiego. Three buildings on the south side of Kasernenstrasse were used as billets for Soviet officers and their families. The troops wore khaki uniforms. The officers wore brown visor caps with red bands and the Soviet Star emblem.
- 25X1 [redacted] the unit in the Clausewitz Kaserne was assigned several German workers by a superior headquarters in Schweidnitz (P 51/H 18). The unit consisted of young soldiers who received training and would be replaced at long intervals.
- 25X1 In about 1948, trucks mounting searchlights with a diameter of about 1.20 meters were first seen at the post. About five searchlights teams participated in field practices. They were observed several times taking up positions at the Clausewitz Kaserne to engage in joint practice with Soviet aircraft stationed at Sprottau airfield. It could not be determined whether the searchlight unit was stationed at that airfield or with the army unit in the Clausewitz Kaserne.
- [redacted] 4. Three apartment houses in Glogauer Vorstadt, the eastern suburb of Sprottau, and on the north side of Hindenburgstrasse, east of the post office, were requisitioned for Soviet Air Force officers and their dependents until February 1951. *

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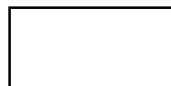
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5. The Polish UB (Security Police) office for the county of Sprottau was housed in the former Landratsamt on the north side of Friedrichstrasse, west of the post office. There was a Polish Militia office in the town hall on Kirchplatz and another on the north side of Wilhelmstrasse, west of the market square. No Polish troop units were stationed in Sprottau.

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25X1  a manor house and annex buildings on the south side of the Sprottau-Glogau highway was requisitioned for military purposes. The installation is situated near the Soviet-occupied airfield of Sprottau.

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25X1  Comment. The information confirms previous statements by another resettler. . As Sprottau is located on the northern perimeter of the Neunaer troop training grounds, it is believed that the unit observed in Sprottau belongs to the 20th Tank Div.

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