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REMARKS

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1. On 7 January 1952, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse, Magdeburg (M 51/D 69), quartered a total of about 3,500 troops. Sentries observed at the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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25X1 [redacted] student drivers receiving training on trucks and motorcycles on Herrenkrugstrasse and Breitscheidstrasse, while other troops, mostly without arms, were drilling in the area between Herrenkrugstrasse and the Alte Elbe River branch, where squads of soldiers were seen receiving training in firing.

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2. On 5 January, the Wundenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichowerstrasse quartered 1,500 to 2,000 men. Sentries observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Close-order drill at squad level, physical training and servicing of motor vehicles was observed. About ten groups of 12 men each were engaged in entrenching practice and field training in the area along the Alte Elbe River branch.

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3. On 8 January, the Seeckt Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse quartered about 1,000 troops, with sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen officers were engaged in marksmanship practice with pistols and 8 groups of 10 men each engaged in close-order drill and training in firing in the drill area between Turmschanzenstrasse and the Alte Elbe River branch. Pontoons were repaired in the billeting area.

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6. On 12 January, the Flak Kaserne on Thomas Mann Strasse was occupied by about 3,500 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Six 85-mm AA guns were emplaced on the athletic field. Their crews were cleaning them. A total of about 600 troops were seen receiving physical training and close order drill at squad and platoon level in the barracks yard. [redacted] 25X1
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7. On 5 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Jerichowerstrasse and Herrenkrugstrasse quartered about 2,000 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Troops seen in the billeting area received individual drill without arms and rifle drill with wooden rifles or carbines. Other troops seen in the drill field between Herrenkrugstrasse and the Alte Elbe River branch were engaged in close-order drill with and without arms. They also were training in firing rifles. They wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia or engineer insignia. They were trained at squad and platoon level. [redacted] 25X1
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8. On 4 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne quartered troops with red-bordered black epaulets, and the Seeckt Kaserne quartered troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. The troops in both installations numbered about 1,000. Most of them were recruits. Troops seen in the training area between the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Alte Elbe River branch included about 50 soldiers receiving instruction on T-34/85 tank [redacted] Forty 25X1 soldiers engaged in aiming practice with light machine guns on tripod mounts; 20 soldiers practiced with a range finder. The tanks subsequently drove to the yard of the Nachrichten Kaserne, where they moved into a shed. About 160 soldiers wearing gasmasks received close-order drill at platoon level in the yard of the Seeckt Kaserne. The view into the billeting area was virtually obstructed by a newly erected board fence, 3 meters high. Trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] moved through the road block on Turmschanzenstrasse.
9. On 3 January, a guard unit, a motor transport unit of about 100 men and a medical supply installation were observed to be located in the Zuckerbusch Kaserne on Zuckerbuschstrasse.
10. On 3 January, officers of all branches of service, ranking from senior lieutenant up to and including colonel, arrived at the Encke Kaserne to attend a new course of instruction. The officer students, numbering about 80, were billeted in the Encke Kaserne and travelled to the training field daily on the Alte Elbe River branch by sedans and trucks [redacted] 25X1
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11. On 21 January, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by a bridge building unit. Twenty trucks [redacted] were seen in front of the garages. [redacted] 25X1
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12. On 18 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse was occupied by an artillery unit. In addition to artillery pieces, 82-mm mortars and tanks were seen in the billeting area. A group of about 1 officer and 10 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia practiced with SU-76 SP guns on the Kleiner Anger training field on 14 January and subsequently returned to the Nachrichten Kaserne. T-34/85 tank [redacted] was identified at the fuel supply

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installation at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichowerstrasse. The roar of numerous motors was heard from the yard of the Nachrichten Kaserne on 18 January. Source subsequently noticed 4 T-34 tanks in a section of the barracks yard. Units observed arriving in the billeting area included 3 officers and 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. They came from the Kleiner Anger training field. One officer and 12 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, carrying 82-mm mortars came from the Grosser Anger training field.

13. On 18 January, the Flak Kaserne on Thomas Mann Strasse was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three units of about 80 men each received close-order drill in the barracks yard. Eight AA guns were placed on the eastern edge of the billeting area. [redacted] 25X1

14. On 16 January, about 30 trucks, 3 T-34 tanks, 1 SU-76 SP gun and 2 BA-64 armored reconnaissance cars were seen standing in front of the garages of Herrenkrug Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse. Troops seen in the billeting area on 21 January included 3 officers and 15 men practicing with 2 T-34 tanks and 1 SU-76 SP gun; and 30 soldiers drilling with 5 x 82-mm mortars. (1)

15. From 23 December 1951 to 18 January 1952, the military post bakery on Halberstaedterstrasse operated in day and night shifts. About 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets assembled in the yard of the bakery on 30 December and were subsequently reported to a captain with red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 25X1

16. On 2 December 1951, a radio station consisting of 1 radio truck and 4 antenna masts, 4 meters high, was seen just northeast of the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichowerstrasse. The radio station was connected with the barracks installation by several wires. Another radio station consisting of 1 wooden cabin and 2 masts was situated some distance from the first radio station. (4)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Reports received to date fairly definitely indicate that the Seeckt Kaserne quarters the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GDFG exclusively, while the Nachrichten Kaserne quarters components of a mechanized regiment, probably of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] It remains to be determined whether the troops in the Nachrichten Kaserne belong to the 63d Gds Mecz Regt carried in the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne or whether they belong to the division's two other mechanized regiments which are believed to be stationed in Hillersleben and the Born-Huetten area. The appearance of SU-76 SP guns in Magdeburg cannot be accounted for because no such guns are believed to be organic in a mechanized division. They are probably used for training purpose only. The present report allows no new conclusions over previous information on the Magdeburg military post. [redacted] 25X1

- (3) The vehicles picking up loaves of bread belong to headquarters units of both the Third Shock Army and the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps; the 3d Gds AAA Div and the 36th Pan Bridge Regt.
- (4) The radio station is reported for the first time and is believed to belong to the signal units of the Third Shock Army which are carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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