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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Prior to 16 February 1952, the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen (M 51/H 82) was still occupied by about 1,250 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Colonel Jaeger (fnu) was again identified as the commanding officer of the unit.

[redacted] About 750 troops carrying rifles and packs were seen returning from the 30-acre training field at about 8 a. m. on 29 January. On 13 February, troops practiced in the barracks yard with 15 AT guns of 57-mm and 85-mm. Each gun was operated by crews of 6 to 8 soldiers.

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2. No Soviet troops were stationed in Hildburghausen (M 51/J 10) on 9 February.

* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] the number of AT guns mentioned in the present report corresponds with the standard AT equipment of this regiment, the possibility of an additional AT artillery company in the installation must be ruled out. However, the high number of troops in the installation cannot be accounted for. It is possible that, like at other military posts, troops strengths were overestimated with the arrival of major contingents of recruits, or that another, hitherto unidentified unit is stationed in Meiningen. However, the observation in Meiningen of the unidentified vehicles [redacted] from the area of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps is not enough evidence to indicate the presence of an additional unit.

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* [redacted] Comment. There has been no change in the situation in Hildburghausen since the last report. [redacted]

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