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REMARKS

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1. On 7 January 1952, the Slovenskeho Narodneho Povstania Barracks (Barracks of the Slovak National Revolution), formerly Stefanik Barracks in Trencin (P 49/T 58), was occupied by a unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. It was located just southeast of the main railroad station, on the north side of the road to Opatova which is situated 4 km northeast of Trencin, and consisted of 5 three-story building fronting on the street, an undetermined number of low brick buildings and 5 to 7 low wooden buildings in the rear section of the installation. The billeting area was enclosed by an iron fence, about 2 meters high, along the street, a mesh wire fence along its east side and a board fence along its north side. One company with 4 officers was observed drilling without weapons in the billeting area. Two sedans were also seen there. A horse-drawn military vehicle passed through the gate. *

2. The Old Barracks, formerly the Masaryk Barracks, was occupied by an unidentified unit on 7 January 1952. It was located on the eastern side of Lenin Street on the southeastern perimeter of the city and consisted of an old two-story building enclosing a yard. The sentry at the large gateway was armed with a submachine gun. A horse-drawn military vehicle was seen entering the barracks installation. * 25X1

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4. A construction site, about 300 meters square, was located about 200 meters from the headquarters building. Twelve four-story buildings, each about 40 meters long, under construction, and two large excavations for foundations were noticed there in addition to 15 to 20 sheds and low wooden buildings. Construction work was done by civilian workers. Three officers were seen entering the site. The area was guarded by persons who wore civilian clothes and were armed with carbines.

5. An old four-story building with two wings behind the front building on Sv. Army Square in the city center had the inscription Military Court (Vojansky Sud). Many military persons, most of whom were junior officers, and some civilians were seen

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passing through the main entrance. A military sedan was parked in front of the entrance.

6. Another barracks installation was noticed some hundred meters east of the village of Zlatovce northwest of Trencin. It was surrounded by a mesh wire fence and consisted of 10 to 15 yellow two-story old buildings, 2 new buildings and 1 building which contained unidentified machinery. The sentry at the gate and some other soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets and collar patches. No motor vehicles were seen there. *
7. A depot consisting of about 15 low iron buildings with unidentified contents was located north of the Istebnik station at the northeastern perimeter of Trencin. The northeastern section of the installation was concealed by trees. The western section contained 1 small brick building and 2 low wooden buildings. A pile of fuel barrels and some damaged trucks were noticed between the low buildings. The installation was guarded by soldiers with submachine guns. A three-axle bus occupied by about 40 soldiers was observed entering the depot.

- 25X1 * Comment. The Stefanik Barracks, the former Masaryk Barracks and the barracks installation near Zlatovce have been known from previous information. The present report fails to indicate whether the artillery and AAA units carried there to date are still stationed in Trencin.
- 25X1 ** Comment. Probably the building is that of the former corps headquarters where Hq 2d ID is carried.

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