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1. [redacted] a. "National Army" is to be formed in the East Zone as soon as the agreement between [redacted] powers is ratified. It will be based on the Volkspolizei and the Free German Youth (FDJ), the latter filling up the VP formations into divisions.
2. It is possibly in connection with this that on 10 May considerable shipments of weapons were made from the depot at Fürstenwalde to the various cadre stations of the Volkspolizei. Each shipment consisted of 10 anti-aircraft guns, 8 to 12 heavy mortars and twelve 76.2 mm guns.
3. During the early part of May 1952, 450 anti-tank guns from Poland arrived and were distributed to the cadre stations.

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