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1. Between 13 and 15 May 1952, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was fully occupied by an air force unit. About 150 air force soldiers practiced flying with courier planes parked on the alternate airfield near the barracks installation.
2. On 8 May, about 100 air force soldiers who were quartered in Brueckenkopf Kaserne practiced firing with machine guns on the Piesteritz target range. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] On 12 May, 200 air force soldiers were drilling in the yard of the barracks installation. [redacted] 25X1
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between 20 and 26 May, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by about 600 air force soldiers including some recruits with close-cropped hair. There was regular training activity in the barracks installation.
3. Between 10 and 15 May, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied to capacity by air force soldiers and many Russian women wearing uniforms. There was continuously intensive traffic of personnel between the barracks installation and the air force headquarters. The radio installation with four masts which was previously observed near the aircraft dispersal area was now recognized to have only one mast. All AA gun emplacements were unoccupied.
4. Between 16 and 28 May, no change of occupation was observed on the barracks installation. The alternate airfield was occupied by four biplanes which were flown several times. There was intensive vehicular traffic between the barracks installation and the air force headquarters. All vehicles of the air force headquarters were apparently parked in the barracks installation. [redacted] 25X1
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5. On 16 May, 10 air force soldiers from Brueckenkopf Kaserne boarded the train bound for Berlin and left it in Luckenwalde. The officers and EM of the air force headquarters frequently went to Halle and Jueterbog. All buildings, located in the restricted area of the air force headquarters, were occupied to capacity. [redacted] 25X1
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6. Between 6 and 19 May, there was intensive traffic between the air force headquarters and the Bruockenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg. Three biplanes and 2 single-engine, high-wing monoplanes were parked on the alternate airfield not far from the barracks installation. A biplane with the white ID 23 landed at the field and subsequently was towed by personnel near a plane under the trees.

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7. At 2 p.m. on 3 June, a train loaded with 50 new trucks [redacted] arrived at the freight station in Wittenberg. These trucks were driven into the Bruockenkopf Kaserne by air force soldiers who arrived on truck [redacted].



8. Between 10 May and 6 June, the Bruockenkopf Kaserne was occupied by at least 300 air force soldiers and some army soldiers and some army soldiers of artillery and motor transport units. On 3 June, about 30 new trucks [redacted] had arrived by rail were driven into the barracks yard and parked there. Three U-2s were observed on the dispersal area west of the barracks building. *

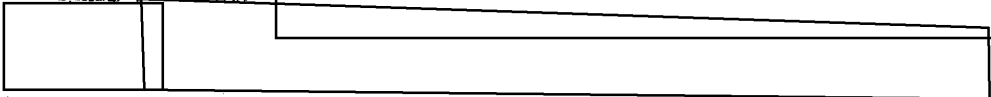
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* [redacted] Comment. The report confirms previous information on the occupation of installations in Wittenberg by air force troops. The restricted area is occupied by the headquarters of the Southern Ftr Corps, and the Bruockenkopf Kaserne is occupied by units which are directly subordinate to this headquarters. According to unconfirmed information, the units concerned comprise a signal battalion.

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