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[ ] 1. On 3 June 1952, a platoon of four officers and 60 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying blankets and submachine guns, entered the Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) from the direction of the drill grounds being led by a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The platoon was followed by three groups of 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants and 8 men each, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and came from the direction of the former Pionierzeugant. Sentries at the main gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three sergeants and six men, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets returned to the Pionier Kaserne through the northwest gate which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. One of the latter soldiers carried a portable radio set with rod antenna. On the wall by the northwest gate hung a net with a cork belt, about 20 to 30 meters long and about 5 meters wide. Thirty-one trucks stood in the yard and in the garages of the former Pionierzeugant which were guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed included jeeps [ ], trucks [ ] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Five tank trucks [ ] stood in front of the Pionierzeugant. \*

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2. On 6 June, three field-grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at the Alt-Kettenhof in Schwechat (P 49/X 48). The ranking officer was a lieutenant colonel. Eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the windows. The sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, brought a major with red-bordered black epaulets from the direction of Vienna and, after a short stay, left again toward Vienna. \*\*

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[ ] 3. On 3 June, four rocket launchers of undetermined caliber were observed in the former agricultural school in Bruck an der Leitha (P 49/X 77). During the period from 3 to 10 June, the vehicles were repeatedly seen leaving for the drill grounds in the morning and returning late at night. \*\*\*

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\* [redacted] Comment. All motor vehicles seen in the military installations in Klosterneuburg belong to the 46th Gds Mecz Regt. Gate guards previously observed at the northwest gate of the Pioneer Kaserne wore black-bordered black epaulets, which indicated that the 8th Gds Mgr Bn was absent from the post and stationed at the troop training grounds.

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[redacted] Comment. No rocket launchers have hitherto been observed in Bruck an der Leitha.

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