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1. Beginning 5 August 1952, "intense secret troop movements in the direction of Sofia" were observed. Most of these troops moved from Plovdiv to Sofia by rail. However, motorized units moved by night along the Plovdiv-Sofia highway.
2. During the night of 22 July 1952, one troop train moved from Sofia to Plovdiv. On 4 August 1952, eight medium tanks moved by train in the same direction.
3. In this connection, rumors indicate that troops from the Stara Zagora garrison may have moved. Additional details as to the branch and composition of these troops was not available.
4. Individuals are being recalled for training with new weapons; however, there is no mobilization. The 29-year-old age group is scheduled for release.
5. Railroad station commandants are former civilian railroad employees dressed in army officers uniforms.

1. Comment: The 8 Infantry Rifle Division has been reported in the Stara Zagora area. However, recent reports indicate that an 8 Infantry

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Rifle Division (possibly a new division formed from the cadre of the old 8 Infantry Rifle Division) is at Vratsa. There are also indications that a new rifle division is being formed in northwestern Bulgaria and that a new tank or mechanized division is located in the Stara Zagora area.

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