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1. On 8 July 1952, all approach roads to forest sections 99/103 and 114/113 north of Eichhorst (N 53/Z 99) were blocked by Soviet sentries. A unit with vehicles bivouacked in the woods and, according to foresters, also had tanks, three M 13 rocket launchers and motor vehicles

which [redacted] to this unit. [redacted] that the unit had arrived during the night of 7 July and left during the night of 9 July. No training activity was noticed. (1)

2. [redacted] tank units had practiced crossing the Elbe River from east to west in the area of Arneburg (M 53/Y 86) from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on 10 July. (2)

3. On 18 July, 2 motorboats, 12 meters long, and 4 motorboats, each 8 meters long, were unloaded at the Wuensdorf (M 53/Z 91) railroad station and hauled to the Wuensdorf Lake.

4. In mid-July, [redacted] according to a rumor which had been circulated for some time in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63), the houses on the Hellweg would have to be vacated, allegedly to quarter offices from Potsdam and Karlshorst. The former music school which previously housed the Soviet shipping company and was located on the Hellweg had already been vacated. The shipping company was transferred to Frankfurt/Oder. (3)

5. [redacted] the Soviet control units previously stationed in Potsdam would move to Frankfurt/Oder. The officer did not know the date when the transfer would take place. The building of the former Regierung had already been vacated by the town administration and was vacant. The houses on the Hellweg had also to be vacated by the civilian population, allegedly to quarter Soviet officials. Only the owners of the houses were allowed to stay in their houses. (3)

6. According to rumors in Frankfurt/Oder in mid-July, Soviet offices would soon move to Frankfurt/Oder from Potsdam and Karlshorst. The Hellweg would therefore have to be vacated by the civilian population. [redacted] several residents had already received orders to vacate their houses. (3)

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7. At 5:45 p.m. on 23 July, a train carrying 7 rocket launchers and 7 trucks [redacted] was seen passing through Rathenow in the direction of Stendal. (4)
8. The occupation of the Locwen Kaserne in Doberitz (N 53/Z 65) was unchanged until 24 July 1952. Between 250 and 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets arrived as replacements on 25 July. (5)

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- [redacted] Comments.
- (1) Lichenhorst is situated about 15 km west-northwest of Uberswalde. The units seen bivouacking there belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and the 6th Gds Mecz Div. The units probably came from the Templin troop training grounds nearby and also returned to that training grounds.
- (2) On 11 and 12 July 1952, [redacted] similar practices involving units of the Third Shock Army and engineers of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in the area near Storkau on the Elbe River east of Stendal. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
- (3) No corresponding information from Potsdam and Karlshorst has been received.
- (4) [redacted] the train carried a unit of the GDFG which is believed to be the unit unloaded in Altenburg on 24 July. See [redacted] There is a possibility that this unit came from Premnitz and belongs to the 25th RL Brig.
- (5) [redacted] The replacements most probably were recruits for the 1st Mecz Div.

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