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1. Entrainment of troops from Camp Kindel observed at the Eisenach freight station included:  
 2 October. A 112-axle train which carried 4 SP guns including [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] 11 trucks including [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] about 400 soldiers and boxcarloads of boxes and billeting equipment and departed at 8:15 p.m.  
 3 October. A 60-axle train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars and boxcars carrying 4 amphibious cars [ ] trucks 25X1  
 [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] and about 150 soldiers and billeting equipment.  
 Another train consisting of 10 boxcars with equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 12 T-34/85 tanks, about 25 trucks including [ ] 25X1  
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2. At 9:30 a.m. on 4 October, special vehicles for use in entraining tanks were seen at the Forst Zinna railroad station. About 35 to 40 T-34 tanks [ ] 25X1  
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3. At 10 a.m. on 4 October, 1 armored scout car and 20 to 25 T-34 tanks were entrained by about 200 soldiers at the Forst Zinna railroad station. [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] 25X1
4. On and after 9 October, the troops returned to their post in Halle. [ ] 25X1  
 tanks, SP guns, armored scout cars and soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. (3)
5. On 9 October, an AAA unit was entrained at the Ohrdruf railroad station. [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns and about 25 trucks [ ] 25X1  
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10 October, the camp on the road to Crawinkel, the tank parking lot, the ammunition dump and the infirmary were vacant. Residents stated that loading operations were made during the period from 19 September to 4 October. The old camp in Ohrdruf was occupied. The tent camp was removed. (1)

6. At 4:45 on 9 October, a train carrying 12 medium tanks, several armored scout cars [redacted] and several trucks [redacted] passed through Weimar, proceeding in the direction of Weissenfels. About 200 empty boxcars guarded by Soviet troops stood at the Weimar freight station on 9 October. (1)

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B-2 7. On and after 27 September, the Hermann Goering Kaserne in Dresden was occupied to capacity and fully lighted at dusk. Trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] were seen at the installation. The main building of the Napola was first fully lighted on 5 October. Many officers were seen. (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) These shipments are confirmed by [redacted] the Erfurt transport control headquarters. It is believed that the train [redacted] and went to Leipzig-Rueckmarsdorf on 2 October carried components of the 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps; the train [redacted] and went to Naumburg on 3 October carried elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div; the engineer train [redacted] and went to Naumburg on 3 October carried elements of the unidentified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps; and the AAA train [redacted] and, on 9 October probably returned to the post in Rudolstadt, carried elements of the 497th AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Ohrdruf. The evacuation of Camp Crawinkel and the tent camp in Ohrdruf as well as the tank shipment through Weimar on 9 October are confirmed by numerous additional shipments mentioned in the records of the transportation control headquarters. These shipments went to the military posts and the maneuver area of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. [redacted]
- (2) According to numbers, the tanks entrained belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div. Ten trains of this division went from Jueterbog to Gerder-Markendorf during the period from 4 to 8 October. [redacted]
- (3) On 7 and 8 October, five trains of the 21st Gds Mecz Div went from Lossa to the training area of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps south of Dessau. On 9 October, eight trains left Lossa for an unidentified destination. It is therefore still unclear the size of the unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div participated in the fall exercises or which components returned to Halle. [redacted]
- (4) [redacted] the 11th Gds Tank Div returned from Koenigsbrueck. [redacted] The present information indicates that the headquarters of the division had returned to its quarters at the Napola.

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