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REMARKS

25X1 1. On 4 January 1954, the Alvensleben Kaserne in Cottbus quartered 250 to 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops engaged in routine duty and the repair of trucks. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified.

25X1 2. Prior to 4 January, the Hermann Loens Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,700 to 1,900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Up to 300 men received drill or practiced the construction of field fortifications on the training grounds and at the firing range. The AA guns previously observed were still emplaced in the yard. Two T-34/85 tanks covered with tarpaulins stood in the yard. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to the barracks installation [redacted]

3. Prior to 4 January, the Sachsendorf Kaserne was occupied by 1,300 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. Soldiers engaged in routine duty. Small wooden sheds were constructed southwest of the installation. It seemed that a fuel dump was to be established there. [redacted]

4. Prior to 4 January, the Dissenchen Kaserne was occupied by 1,300 to 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. Troops engaged in routine duty. Motor vehicles identified in the barracks area [redacted]

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