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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. On 27 October 1954, the Panzer Kaserne (4001) in Bad Freienwalde was still occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. Approximately 100 soldiers, 18 to 19 years old, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets arrived after 10 October.[1] 25X1

2. There were no indications that the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was used as assembly point for dischargees as was observed in preceding years. Since the bulk of the units remained in the installation during the summer, there was no room for the quartering of dischargees.[2]

3. At about 1815 on 16 October, a column of T-34 tanks [redacted] 25X1 and JSU-122 guns [redacted] came from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeded toward the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde.[3] 25X1

4. Two to 4 armored half-track vehicles carrying 6 to 8 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly seen leaving the installation for the Rathsdorf training area. [redacted] 25X1

5. [redacted] 25X1 an assembly point for rail shipments was established in the former Army Clothing Depot I (4244) in Bernau on 25 October and that the soldiers were always entrained at about 1600. [redacted] 25X1 these shipments left the zone via Frankfurt/Oder. Between 26 and 30 October, and on 1 November, approximately 1,000 soldiers of all branches of service and, presumably, from various posts were continually seen in the installation yard. The soldiers carried little baggage. Approximately 100 emtpy boxcars were seen on the spur track of the installation on every day of observation.

6. In the morning of 1 November, approximately 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying little baggage were seen at the Oranienburg railroad station and, at 1430 on 2 November, approximately 180 soldiers were seen at the Velten railroad station south of Oranienburg. The troops presumably went to Bernau.[2]

7. It was believed that all units permanently stationed in the Army Clothing Depot I returned to their installation. The last shipment from Vogelsang reportedly arrived on 23 October.[3] [redacted] 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. These are the first recruits reported from Bad Freienwalde. Training of the recruits had already started. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. Available information indicates that in this fall, a personnel exchange center of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army was established in former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau, rather than in Bad Freienwalde, as observed in preceding years. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The tank column probably returned from exercises in the Templin area via Eberswalde. [redacted] The tanks are believed to belong to the 28th Tank Bn of the 18th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. This is the third indication that the tank battalions of the mechanized regiments may be equipped with SP guns. 25X1 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. The armored vehicles possibly belonged to the 94-95th (?) Mtrcl Bn or the 16th Gds Mecz Regt in Bad Freienwalde. 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. The return of the 71st Light Arty Brig was previously reported. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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