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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities observed prior to 4 April 1955:

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1. General:

   a. Division-level exercises continued until late in March. More T-54 tanks arrived with the tank divisions.

   b. KVP units engaged in small-scale exercises and heavy weapon firing.

2. First Guards Mechanized Army:

   From 16 to 20 March, the 11th Guards Tank Division held an exercise in the Kamenz-Koenigsbrueck area. On 20 March, the 9th Tank Division was observed in exercises near Zeithain-Muehlberg. A military bridge crossing near Kreinitz was included in the program. From 23 to 26 March, the 8th Guards Mechanized Division practiced in the Grimma-Oschatz-Zeithain area, with engineer battalions participating in all exercises. From 18 to 22 March, one shipment of T-54's was dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Oschatz, and two shipments were sent from Frankfurt/Oder to Zeithain.

3. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

   A shipment allegedly loaded with 18 T-54 tanks went from Frankfurt/Oder to Oranienburg on 30 March. From 22 to 26 March, the 6th Guards Mechanized Division, together with elements of the 71st Light Artillery Brigade, had an exercise in the Forst-Cottbus area.

4. Third Shock Army:

   On 18 and 19 March, six shipments carried anti-aircraft artillery units of the 79th Rifle Corps and the 207th Rifle Division to Wustrow. On 25 March, 16 shipments from the area of the 9th Rifle Corps and one shipment of anti-tank artillery

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elements from Brandenburg were sent to the area south of Stendal, presumably to take part in an exercise held by the 94th Guards Rifle Division together with corps and army troops.

5. Eighth Guards Army:

From 15 to 20 March, the 21st Guards Mechanized Division, with elements of army artillery units, the 220th Heavy Tank and SP Regiment, a corps artillery brigade and a corps rocket-launcher regiment, held exercises in the Eisleben-Lossa-Merseburg area. From 19 to 22 March, the Ohrdruf-Arnstadt area was the scene of exercises, held by the 20th Guards Mechanized Division and elements of army artillery units and a corps artillery brigade. The Kindel troop training grounds were vacant until 29 March.

6. KVP:

a. During the first half of March, various units of the Division Schwerin practiced in the Schwerin-Ludwigslust-Boitzenburg area. Other units, presumably from the Mechanized Division Dresden, held exercises at the Nochten troop training grounds during the same period.

b. On 13 March, elements of the Oranienburg post, equipped with heavy weapons, reportedly entrained for the Klietz-Ferchels-Mahlitz troop training grounds. Firing of heavy weapons was observed there until 26 March.

c. Until 22 March, anti-aircraft artillery units of the Corps North were seen at the Wustrow firing range.

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