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1. On 4 September 1950 the Mihla (M 52/H 87) estate has allegedly been occupied by a Soviet engineer unit since 19 August 1950. The estate grounds were enclosed by a high wall. The gates were closed and guarded by double sentries. The surrounding area was placed off limits to civilians.

2. Soviet engineer troops were observed practicing on the Werra River. They assembled and later disassembled a pontoon bridge. They also constructed a footbridge on pneumatic rafts. A tank, a motorboat, several boats, a caterpillar tractor, a truck with hoisting gear, five amphibious cars and about 25 trucks were seen in the engineer training area. * 25X1

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*Comment. This is the first report on the engineer training area at Mihla, about 12 km north of the Kindel troop training grounds. 25X1

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the engineer unit practicing there was an element of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. It is known that the division was in the Kindel area at that time. The report indicates that the Mihla area may have been used for training purposes by engineer units of the divisions in the Kindel maneuver area.

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