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	DATE DISTR.	8 AUGUST 1957	PRECEDENCE ☒ ROUTINE

COUNTRY
EAST GERMANY/USSR

PLACE ACQUIRED
USSR

SUBJECT

1. FORMATION OF TANK ARMIES FROM SOVIET MECHANIZED ARMIES IN EAST GERMANY
2. ABSENCE OF INDICATIONS OF DEMOBILIZATION IN THE GSFG

DATE OF INFORMATION
JUNE 1957

REFERENCES

APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE)
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SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE)
A RELIABLE SOVIET SOURCE

1. TWO /UNIDENTIFIED/ SOVIET MECHANIZED ARMIES IN EAST GERMANY HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO THE FIRST GUARDS' TANK ARMY AND THE TWENTIETH GUARDS' ARMY. SOURCE GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE LATTER IS AN AIRBORNE ARMY, OR POSSIBLY A SECOND TANK ARMY. THERE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT FLOW OF NEW EQUIPMENT, CONSISTING MOSTLY OF TANKS, INTO THE DDR, TO EQUIP THESE NEWLY FORMED UNITS.

2. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DEMOBILIZATION IN THE GSFG, BUT THE FORMATION OF THE NEW ARMIES APPARENTLY /WILL RESULT/ IN AN INCREASE IN TANKS AND TECHNICAL MATERIEL WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL PERMIT A REDUCTION OF TROOP PERSONNEL TO SOME DEGREE. THE SLIGHTEST DEMOBILIZATION MEASURE UNDERTAKEN IN THE GSFG WOULD BE EMPHASIZED BY SPECIAL WITHDRAWAL CEREMONIES AND EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN THE PRESS.

COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED FROM ARMY.

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