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EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] the following detrainments were handled at the Satz Korn railroad station:

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<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Number and Type of RR Cars</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>
1	2 cars	tanks	Wuensdorf
13	2 tank cars	gasoline	Biesenthal
14	2 tank cars	gasoline	Radensleben
17	8 cars	workshop trucks	Halle-Sued
22	1 car	engine oil	Frankfurt/Oder
25	1 car	tank engines	Finowfurth
26	6 cars	flour	Fuerstenberg
27	1 car	engine oil	Velten
	3 cars	tanks	Eberswalde
28	2 cars	tanks	Kirchmoeser

From 1 to 5 February, units from the Kavallerie Schule at Krampnitz conducted loading exercises at the Satz Korn railroad station, using an emergency ramp, which was removed after the exercises, and 1 converted boxcar, 1 boxcar, 1 SSI-type flatcar and 1 flatcar. The exercise was witnessed by about 15 officers and 250 EM. The railroad cars were dispatched to Brandenburg upon completion of the exercises.²

2. Elements from the Neuruppin post and units from other military posts, which had been loaded for shipment to Neuruppin on 15 February, practiced in the area of Frankendorf-Raegelin, 14 km northwest of Neuruppin.³

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3. At 5 p.m. on 9 February, trucks [redacted] each towing a 122-mm field howitzer, moved out of the restricted Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse in Jeustrelitz. At 5 a.m. on 15 February, the unit was seen marching out, taking along about 35 trucks, 10 x 122-mm field howitzers and

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field guns, presumably of 76.2-mm caliber. Prior to 20 February, only a rear unit of about 200 soldiers were at the installation. During the period from 18 to 20 February, the Alte-Grenadier Kaserne was only lightly occupied. [redacted] these troops, too, had marched out. No details were learned on the other military installations.³

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4. The following observations were made at the Eberswalde railroad station:

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At 6 p.m. on 14 February: 7 trucks were loaded under the supervision of an officer who used sedan [redacted]

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At 5:30 p.m. on 15 February: a train consisting of 9 boxcars with troops and an undetermined number of flatcars with 2 field kitchens, 7 prime movers with 76.2-mm guns and about 25 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] passed through the station toward a northerly direction.

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At 10 a.m. on 21 February: a train consisting of 10 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 1 sedan and 37 trucks [redacted] were at the station, facing southward.

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Since 12 February, the cantonment on Breidscheitsstrasse was occupied only by a rear detail of about 20 soldiers. [redacted]

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Comment. [redacted] confirms the Hq 10th Gds Tank Div in Kranpnitz until 28 January 1953. [redacted] confirms the 31st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Kranpnitz until 27 January 1953. [redacted]

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Comment. The present information is confirmed [redacted] by order of the Soviet transportation headquarters, of 28 January, shuttle trains for training purposes had to be assembled. Of these trains, shuttle train [redacted] had to be made available at the Satzborn railroad station for 1 February. [redacted]

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It is believed that, following the loading exercises of units of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Kranpnitz, units of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the division from Brandenburg were to conduct similar practices.

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3. Comment. [redacted] units of the 9th Gds Tank Div as well as units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) held exercises in the area north of Neuruppin from about 12 to 15 February 1953. The return of divisional units was observed in the Neustrelitz military post from 15 to 17 February 1953. [redacted]

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[redacted] As units of the 495th How Bn (US) of the 9th Gds Tank Div from the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse and units of the 234th Mort Regt of the division from the Alte Grenadier Kaserne were apparently not back by 20 February, it appears that these units received other assignments upon completion of the exercises. Definite evidence from Neuruppin military post showed that units of the 12th Gds Tank Div were not involved in these exercises. [redacted]

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Comment. It is believed that motor vehicles of the 6th Gds Mech Div were loaded on 14 February. It could not be determined whether the

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train went to Templin where, since January 1953, units of the 6th Gds Mezz Div and other units engaged in combat firing practice, or whether it went to the area northeast of Rathenow, where elements of the Fourth Gds Mezz Army held winter exercises from 17 to 20 February.

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[redacted] The bulk of the units involved in the exercises northeast of Rathenow, however, went there by road. The trains on 15 and 21 February carried units of the unidentified army AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mezz Army which, [redacted]

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[redacted] transferred from Bernau to Doberitz on 15 February and returned to Bernau from exercises northeast of Rathenow on 21 February.

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It is believed that the signal communication unit of the Fourth Gds Mezz Army or GDFG, carried in the cantonment on Breidscheitstrasse, may have left for the army training area prior to the begin of the exercises, in order to prepare communications.

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