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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 28 April 1953, a large number of AA guns, presumably 37-mm guns, with trucks were entrained at the Chemnitz railroad station, coming from Leninstrasse.<sup>1</sup>

2. On 1 May, 14 rocket launchers passed through Dresden, proceeding to Koenigsbrueck by road. On 7 May, several troop trains with artillery pieces, including 122-mm guns and, with the same shipment, a truck [redacted] were seen passing through Dresden toward Koenigsbrueck. On 9 May, artillery units [redacted] moved from Dresden to Koenigsbrueck.<sup>2</sup> 25X1 25X1

3. [redacted] Contrary to preceding years, during which, even after the departure of the troops to the troop training grounds, some activity was observed in the barracks installations of the post, [redacted] almost no Soviet soldiers in the installations. Motor vehicles were no longer seen. It was rumored that the troops would not return and that the installations would be turned over to the KVP. This rumor, to some extent, was strengthened by the fact, that, in the Friedrich August Kaserne, lathes had been dismantled from their concrete bases and had been loaded. On 8 May, about 15 officers with map-mounting boards and plans were seen in the south section of the Busche Kaserne during an inspection. Local residents believed that the installation was being inspected for the transfer.<sup>3</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. Presumably entraining of units of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US), which may have gone to Koenigsbrueck, Wustrow or to the uranium mining area. Shipments of the division had also been observed in late February and late March. [redacted] 25X1

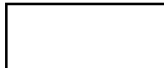
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] This would indicate that the rocket launchers and the artillery units came from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Nickern. [redacted] these units moved to Koenigsbrueck as early as mid-April, with 14 rocket launchers also reported with these shipments. The number of 14 rocket launchers would be adequate to the equipment of a battalion in a tank or mechanized division. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] fourteen rocket launchers [redacted] presumably of the 9th Tank Div, were also reported to have been entrained in Meissen on 15 April; and, allegedly, 42 rocket launchers [redacted]  
[redacted] of the First Gds Mecz Army, were entrained there on the same day [redacted] It is possible that these 42 rocket launchers belong

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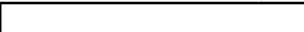
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to the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army. As the 14 rocket launchers observed can also not belong to the rocket launcher battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Leisnig, their assignment cannot be identified.

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3.  Comment. The transfer to Koenigsbruck of the units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Leisnig was repeatedly confirmed.  Although no other indications for the transfer of the barracks installations to the KVP are available, the information appears credible.

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