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REMARKS:

On 20 May 1953, the barracks installation Gohn, Potsdam, had been vacated from the Soviet Army. Individual VPs wearing olive drab uniforms with red epaulets were seen in the barracks area. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 the barracks area. 25X1

25X1 On 22 May, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne had been vacated by the Soviet Army. WP sentries
25X1 observed wore olive drab uniforms with black service color. [REDACTED]
that the installation had not yet been occupied by WP, as neither training nor
vehicular traffic were observed. The watchtower previously observed at the installation
was no longer seen.

3. On 22 May, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 VP officer candidates with red and green service color, except for the building in the south, which was occupied by a Soviet unit or office. Between 14 and 22 May, up to 200 troops were seen drilling in the barracks area, and about 200 to 250 troops received field training outside the barracks installation. Individual groups of soldiers were once seen at practice marches with map reading and compass orientation. The south building in the installation was occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] Truck [redacted] was observed at the installation.

On 22 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, contrary to the other military installations of the post, was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts, including a few with artillery insignia. Between 14 and 22 May, about 200 troops were drilling in the barracks area on several days. About 120 troops left the installation toward the training area. Intensive vehicular traffic to and from the installation was observed.

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25X1 25X1 6. On 22 May, the Ruinenberg Kaserne was vacated, except for an undetermined number of uniformed women stationed there. No sentries had been observed for some time. Nor did [redacted] any training activity. Motor vehicle [redacted] at the installation.

5. On 22 May, all the barracks installations in Nedlitz were vacant except for guard personnel and a few soldiers. Only a few windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk.

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- 25X1 7. On 20 May, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. At about 2 p.m. on 13 May, about 30 soldiers armed with carbines and carrying practice targets left the installation toward Potsdam. About 10 soldiers received telephone instruction in the barracks yard. On 15 May, about 150 troops engaged in physical training and, on 18 May, about 100 troops entered the installation, coming from a cross-country run. Sedan [] entered the installation.
- 25X1 8. On 20 May, the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia. On 16 May, 14 driving school vehicles were seen en route from Krampnitz to Potsdam, and about 70 troops received field training and 20 troops practiced the throwing of hand grenades in the training area north-west of the installation. On 18 May, detachments entered the installation coming from the direction of Bullenwinkel and about 40 troops were seen at aiming practice in the terrain, while 80 troops received theoretical instruction.
- 25X1 9. On 15 May, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by an artillery unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 10 May, 70 to 80 percent of the windows of the two barracks buildings on the road were lighted at dusk. On 7 and 12 May, about 30 soldiers received instruction on three 122-mm field guns at Bornstedter Feld opposite the barracks entrance. After the instruction, the guns were picked up by Diesel prime movers, which came from the barracks installation. On 11 May, about 40 soldiers armed with submachine guns entered the installation. Truck [] entered the installation.
- 25X1 10. On 15 May, the south section of the Delius Kaserne, the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne were occupied only by guard details. On 11 May, three trucks [] were in front of the Hohenlohe Kaserne.
- 25X1 11. On 15 May, the Kriegsschule was occupied by about 2,000 officers and EM, organized into six battalions. On 6 May, three battalions left for an exercise, according to a local resident. On 10 May, two officers and 24 officer candidates wearing gold-bordered black epaulets and armed with carbines left the installation toward the firing range. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the Kriegsschule []
- 25X1 12. On 7 May, about 15 soldiers received instruction on three 76-mm field guns, at Bornstedter Feld in the vicinity of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne; 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia [] marksmanship training with carbines in the vicinity of the Nedlitz Kaserne; about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets trained with rifles in front of the high lookout posts; and 8 trucks [] driving school practices in the terrain. 25X1
- 25X1 13. On 3 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was partially occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 80 percent of the windows of one building and 30 to 40 percent of the windows of four other buildings were lighted at dusk. At 2 p.m. on 2 May, about 80 troops were falling in in the barracks area, and 50 to 60 officers engaged in physical training. [] 25X1
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15. Between 1 and 3 May, billeting equipment was continually hauled away from the barracks installation in Golm. The barracks installation was occupied by a rear detail of 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 3 May, the rear detail had left, except for a small guard detail. All the officers' dependents left the installation and the infirmary was dissolved. [redacted] only part of the units previously stationed in the installation were entrained; and that the unit of troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets moved to the barracks installation in Wildpark-West, whereas the troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets probably were entrained. It was rumored in Golm, that the installation would be occupied by KVP. [redacted]

16. Beginning 15 April, the SSD school in the area of the barracks installation in Golm was unusually strictly guarded. Everybody passing the installation was being controlled.¹

- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The installations mentioned, except for the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, which is occupied as previously, are probably scheduled to be occupied by KVP and/or partially occupied by the Torgau cadre unit which moved to Potsdam as early as early April. [redacted] the barracks installation in Golm occupied by KVP. [redacted] However, the transfer to Wildpark-West of the signal unit previously stationed in Golm appears improbable. [redacted] Indications are that this unit transferred to the barracks installation on Schumke Lake, Kammersdorf. [redacted] The Ruinenberg Kaserne was occupied by 400 to 600 troops, presumably of signal units of the GOGF, as late as April. [redacted] It is not impossible that these units were also quartered in the Wuensdorf area. The occupation by a WP officer candidate school of the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne is known.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The occupation of the barracks installations in Nedlitz is confirmed by this information. The entire 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig is stationed in the north section of the Delius Kaserne; while the south section of the Delius Kaserne as well as the Ludendorff and Hohenlohe Kasernen quarter only guard details of the two other brigades of the 34th Arty Div (US). [redacted] The information in paragraph 6 is, therefore, only of limited value.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The Kriegsschule is carried occupied as previously by the officers' school of the GOGF. [redacted]
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] confirms the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig in Potsdam until 11 April 1953.

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