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REFERENCES

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REMARKS The 7th and 8th shipments in paragraph 1, the 5th through 9th

shipments in paragraph 2, and paragraphs 4 and 5

were previously reported

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- 1. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] between 2 and 6 July 1953;

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Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
2	18 boxcars and 38 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Forst Zinna
3	11 boxcars and 35 flatcars	Veiten	Forst Zinna
4	1 boxcar and 33 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Ziesar
5	17 boxcars and 39 flatcars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	20 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Wolmirstedt	Satzkorn
6	13 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	16 boxcars and 29 flatcars	Bad Doberan	Rehagen-Klausdorf
	14 boxcars and 36 flatcars	Bad Doberan	Rehagen-Klausdorf

All troop trains carried soldiers and vehicles.

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2. Troop trains between 1 and 7 July included:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1	13 boxcars and 21 flatcars	1,386	Vogelsang	Mahlwinkel
2	16 boxcars and 39 flatcars	821	Dallgow-Doerberitz	Forst Zinna
3	10 boxcars and 9 flatcars	405	Rathenow	Fuerstenberg
	12 boxcars and 11 flatcars	533	Rathenow	Dresden
6	2 boxcars, 27 flatcars and 7 gondola cars	735	Neustrelitz	Jerichow
	9 boxcars and 38 flatcars	1,054	Neustrelitz	Jerichow
7	10 boxcars and 26 flatcars	692	Altruppın	Jerichow
	8 boxcars and 31 flatcars	891	Neustrelitz	Jerichow
	12 boxcars, 20 flatcars, 8 gondola cars and 3 tank cars	1,110	Neustrelitz	Rathenow
	31 boxcars and 24 flatcars	578	Angermuende	Magdeburg

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3. The following military shipments coming from Brest Litovsk passed through the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 22 and 27 June:

<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
22	an undetermined number of cars with 60 rocket launchers	Eberswalde
24	an undetermined number of cars with 45 armored scout cars	Cottbus
27	an undetermined number of cars with 40 armored scout cars	undetermined

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4. Between 25 June and 4 July, [redacted] troop trains with air force ground personnel, motor vehicles and equipment proceeding toward Brest Litovsk. The dispatch of these trains was given priority at the Frankfurt/Oder, Guben and Kuestrin border crossing stations. 8

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5. On 18 June, four trains for tank shipments were made available to the Erfurt regional railroad district headquarters. It was definitely observed that these trains were dispatched to Poland on 19 June. 9

1. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] carried elements of the 283rd How Arty Regt of the 1st Mecz Div which, after completion of combat firing practice at the Justerbog training area, returned to their home station on the troop train [redacted] on 5 July 1953. [redacted]

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[redacted] elements of the 294th Mort Regt of the 1st Mecz Div were also entrained at Doeberitz on 3 July 1953, indicating that the troop train [redacted] was not dispatched from Velten, but from Doeberitz. [redacted] elements returned to Doeberitz on the troop train [redacted] on 6 July 1953.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] carried elements of the 299th Gds Mort Regt and 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. On 6 July 1953, probably contingents of the 2nd Gds AAA Div, after completion of firing practice with live ammunition, returned from Wustrow where they had moved on 8 April 1953.

4. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains from Neustrelitz and Altruppin probably carried components of the 9th Gds Tank Div and 12th Gds Tank Div including elements of the engineer battalions of the divisions, which, as in previous years, were to conduct field exercises on the Elbe River in the Jerichow area, beginning 7 July 1953. The troop train [redacted] to Muhlwinkel cannot yet be interpreted in conjunction with this movement. Otherwise, besides contingents of the Second Gds Mecz Army, such of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army would also participate in the maneuvers.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The departure of a signal unit of the First Gds Mecz Army to Dresden was previously reported. It belongs to the rail movement followed the completion of a signal command post exercise in which probably signal units of all armies in East Germany participated. [redacted]

[redacted] The troop train [redacted] to Fuerstenberg probably carried elements of the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mecz Army which also participated in the command post exercise. Motor vehicles of the army were continuously observed in connection with signal troops in and near Rathenow during June 1953.

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6. [redacted] Comment. The rocket launchers probably were allotted to the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Thus, during June 1953, all rocket launcher regiments of the mechanized armies were equipped with new rocket launchers, probably of the M-31 type.

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7. [redacted] Comment. Shipments of armored scout cars from the USSR were observed to various posts of tank divisions and mechanized divisions during June 1953. The shipment on 27 June 1953 possibly went to Leipzig-Taucha.

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8. [redacted] Comment. A report has been previously submitted.

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9. [redacted] Comment. It appears improbable that tank units should have been shipped from Thuringia to Poland.

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