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TOPIC KVP in Oranienburg

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REMARKS

SOURCE

[Redacted Source]

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1. During the morning of 4 August and on 6 August 1953, source did not observe any training in the KVP-occupied section of the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Oranienburg. Trucks [Redacted] entered Gate No II. On 6 August, intensive firing with carbines was heard from the wooded area east of Lehnitz Lake and south of Bernauer Chaussee. Sedan [Redacted] and truck [Redacted] left Gate No II. Source believed that the strength of KVP personnel stationed at the installation had decreased. KVPs observed wore red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black, blue-bordered black, blue and pink epaulets.<sup>1</sup>

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2. In the morning on 13 August, two vans were loaded with furniture from apartment houses on Jaegerstrasse, Oranienburg, which had been occupied by VPs. The furniture was shipped to the station. During a meeting of the Oranienburg municipal administration on 10 August, it had allegedly been announced that the buildings on Jaegerstrasse occupied by VP would soon be returned to their previous owners.

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3. From 7 to 13 August, groups of each 6 to 8 civilians carrying baggage and escorted by 2 KVP officers almost daily went from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp to the Oranienburg railroad station at 5 p.m. The civilians were about 25 to 28 years old.<sup>2</sup>

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5. Between 7 and 13 August, about 20 VPs were daily trucked from the Oranienburg castle to the firing range near the brickyards at about 8:30 a.m., and about 23 VPs in fatigue uniforms daily left the castle at about 9:30 a.m., subsequently clearing up the area of the former Auergesellschaft A.G. on Lehnitzstrasse. In the afternoons, KVP personnel engaged in physical training at the athletic field behind the castle.<sup>1</sup>

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6. At about 11 a.m. on 23 July, nine repair shop trucks entered the main gate of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. In the evening, source learned [Redacted] that 40 percent of the personnel stationed in the castle would be discharged and that the castle would be completely vacated by 1 September 1953.

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- 7. Between 23 and 26 July, source determined that the recruiting office of the Kreis Oranienburg was located in the previous forestry at the intersection of Bernauer Strasse and Sachsenhausener Strasse. The office was headed by Colonel Lamprecht, who allegedly was 26 years old and had been a chimney-sweeper.
- 8. On 17 August, an NCO stationed in the Oranienburg castle stated that 400 officer candidates transferred to Wolfssruh (formerly Koenigsstaedt), north-west of Oransee, on 15 July and that, on 10 August, a company of about 130 KVPs, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, returned to the castle. Source could not determine where the unit had come from. Seven trucks, 3 sedans and 5 motorcycles were observed in the castle.
- 9. On 13 August, an NCO stationed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp stated that, between 5 and 10 August, about 30 VP's had been discharged because they had violated discipline.

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- 1. [Redacted] Comment. Recent information from Oranienburg confirms the light occupation of the installations during the period under review. The location of the bulk of the Bereitschaft is undetermined. Elements may have been employed in Berlin since 28 July. [Redacted] According to another report, the unit transferred to a summer camp on Schwieloch Lake in early July. [Redacted]. On the other hand, it is also possible that elements transferred to Weisswasser. See [Redacted]

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- 2. [Redacted] Comment. Previous reports indicated that KVP personnel was also discharged in July. [Redacted]

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- 3. [Redacted] Comment. Same source previously reported that all officer candidates stationed at the Oranienburg castle had been transferred prior to 3 July. Central Ammunition Depot No 3972 is located in Wolfssruh. Another source reported the officer school with Colonel Leverenz still stationed in the Oranienburg castle on 6 August. [Redacted]

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