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1. In April, it was determined that several weapons workshops in Poland, including one in Czestochowa, are engaged in the alteration of T-34 tanks into T-34/85 by the exchange of guns and by other changes in the tanks. These tanks had been sent to the shops from armored regiments, and after their alteration, they were returned. At the end of April, the same weapon exchange had been made in the armored regiments at Braniewo (Braunsberg) and Elblag (Elbing). It is expected that these modifications will have been completed in all Polish armored units by the beginning of the summer or fall field maneuvers.<sup>1</sup>
2. At the armored school in Jablonna, near Warsaw, which is training officers and active non-commissioned officers as armored troops, all of the tanks are of the Soviet models that are used in Soviet and satellite armies. The school also has the newest Soviet model tanks, including one which is equipped with 120 mm. armor (sic). Different types of tanks from the western powers armies are also found at the school, such as Centurion, Cromwell, and Sherman. The other equipment at the school is also described as extraordinarily good. The management of the school is entirely in the hands of the Soviets.

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1. Comment. [redacted] only a few tank regiments had the 76 mm. caliber guns. All their T-34 tanks were being equipped with the 85 mm. caliber gun. [redacted]

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