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| COUNTRY <u>Austria</u> | REPORT NO. <u>25X1</u> |
| TOPIC <u>Soviet Troops in Austria</u> | |
| 25X1 EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u> | PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u> 25X1 |
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| REMARKS | |
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[REDACTED] 1. On 9 March 1954, 22 tank gun barrels exceeding a man's height, one 37-mm AA gun, 11 trucks and one jeep, and a limited number of soldiers were observed in the area of the barracks installation in Kagran (P 49/X 49). The section of the installation quartering an AAA unit could not be observed. Two armored cars with muzzle brakes and one SP gun without a muzzle brake were under a shed-roof between the installation and the athletic field. The fuel depot stored 13 tank trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 2. On 8 March 1954, 11 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including three with tank insignia, and about 12 bandmen wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in front of the main gate of the former Pioneer Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30), which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included weapon carrier [REDACTED] truck [REDACTED] and jeep [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, and truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the north-western gate, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets and beside which timber as used by engineers was piled up. About 35 soldiers, 16 trucks and the radiators of 16 motor vehicles were observed in the former Pioneer-Zeugamt, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] and driving-school truck [REDACTED] each driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation.

[REDACTED] 3. On 9 March 1954, the sentries in cantonment 1 in Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67) wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation stored 4 weapon carriers and 34 trucks and an estimated 10 other trucks. Twenty-eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets did gymnastics in the athletic field. About 40 soldiers carrying copy-books and books were seen marching from one hutment to another. About 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the stables. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included trucks [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At least six model 1938 122-mm field howitzers and 26 trucks including about 50 percent six-wheeled vehicles were parked on the hill east of the installation. One colonel wearing black-bordered

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25X1 red epaulets and three lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered cantonment 2, which was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Truck [redacted] parked in front of this installation.

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4. The fresh imprints of a track-laying vehicle which had left, and returned to, the Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57) were observed on 9 March 1954. The barracks area stored 40 new, [redacted] trucks, part of which were jacked up, and, somewhat apart, 18 trucks of a driving school. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and trucks [redacted] were observed at driving exercises in the driving-school area. Truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] each driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the installation.

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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div and an unidentified AAA battalion of the Soviet Air Force are stationed at Kagrán. [redacted] five
25X1 of the tank trucks belonged to the 13th Gds Mech Div and one to the Air Force.

- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The 45th Gds Mech Regt and the 8th Gds Engr Bn of the 13th Gds Mech Div are stationed at Klosterneuburg. The majority of the motor-vehicle
25X1 [redacted] belong to the 13th Gds Mech Div.

- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the 122-mm howitzers reported on the hill east of Camp I belong to the 32d Gds How Arty Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div. A directing center for recruits, Central Group of Forces arriving from the USSR and discharges returning home is assumed in Camp II. Two of the motor-vehicle [redacted] from Camp I were identified as [redacted] the 13th Gds Mech Div./

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[redacted] these vehicles belonged to the Central Group of Forces.

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- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The 55th Tank Instruction Bn, to which possibly the driving-school trucks belonged, is carried in Goetzendorf. [redacted]
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