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1. On 19 March 1954, about 14 x 85-mm to 100-mm AT guns were detained in Gera. Truck [redacted] was identified during the unloading. The detained unit left for the Reuss Kaserne. 1 25X1
2. In the afternoon on 18 March, 6 tanks, [redacted] about 20 prime movers towing 20 x 100-mm AT guns, about 20 jeeps and 300 trucks towing mortars, AT guns and other guns and occupied by troops passed through Westhausen, coming from Gotha and proceeding toward Langensalza. During the night on 18 March, the shipment was followed by about 100 trucks, including tank trucks, repair shop trucks, ammunition trucks and ration supply vehicles. On 19 March, 5 trucks occupied by 50 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets arrived from the direction of Buffleben. The troops constructed a telephone line, which was dismantled on 20 March. At about 5 p.m. on 20 March, 15 trucks [redacted] occupied by 150 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, went toward Buffleben, coming from Goddbach.2 25X1
3. In the second half of March, the training area in the Zeitz Forest included Jagen (forest section) [redacted] All was quiet in the training area on 21 March. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified. [redacted] 25X1
4. On 20 March, a column of about 25 sedans was standing at the eastern exit of Weissenfels, with numerous officers holding a conference. Subsequently, the column proceeded toward Leipzig, i.e. the autobahn. A short time later, a major column of sedans was observed on the autobahn before Bitterfeld. Motor vehicles seen with the column in Weissenfels [redacted] 25X1
5. On 19 March, major exercises were observed southwest of the Muehlhausen-Langensalza road. The exercises involved 15 to 20 T-34/85 tanks, several columns of trucks and about 10 rocket launchers. 2

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6. [Redacted] prior to 1 May, additional 60 three-room apartments for Soviet families, in addition to the available 80 apartments, had to be procured in Naumburg.

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7. Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 20 March, the Elbe River was blocked between Merschwitz and Riesa because of exercises. 5

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1. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] the shipment came from Ohrdruf. [Redacted]

2. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] a major exercise was conducted from 18 to 20 March in the area northwest of Gotha, in which, in addition to other units of the Eighth Gds Army, elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div presumably also participated.

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5. [Redacted] Comment. The portion of the Elbe River southeast of Riesa has not been known as permanent engineer training site. The 286th Engr Bn [Redacted] of the 9th Tank Div is stationed in Riesa.

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