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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVR military activities observed prior to 28 June 1954.

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

- First Guards Mechanized Army: On 9 June, one column with troops of the 286th Engineer Battalion (sic) arrived at the Koenigsbrueck training grounds. Only some elements of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division were stationed in Koenigsbrueck in mid-June. On 14 June, an engineer battalion underwent training at a pit near the Grimma post. On 19 and 20 June, one troop shipment from Leipzig and one from Wurzen arrived at Koenigsbrueck. On 21 June, elements of the 9th Tank Division were confirmed at the Zeithain troop-training grounds.
- Second Guards Mechanized Army: From 7 to 10 June, units of the 12th Guards Tank Division held advanced combat firing practices with tanks and artillery in the Neu-Glienicke section of the Schweinrich troop training grounds. In mid-June, elements of the 1st Mechanized Division engaged in field exercises, involving the firing of live ammunition, at the Doeberitz training grounds. On 19 June, one shipment carried a medium unit of the 31st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division

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from Wustrow to Schoenewalde. On 21 and 22 June, three troop shipments left Binz for Neubukow, Fuerstenwalde, and Stendal.¹

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army: The 9th Mechanized Division was confirmed in its Forst Tauer camp until 17 June, and the 7th Guards Tank Division in its camp south of Huetten, in the southern section of Letzling Heath, until 16 June. On 23 June, 16 light anti-tank guns, three rocket launchers, and 30 motor vehicles of the 7th Guards Tank Division were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station. The departure was not observed.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: On 22 June, elements of the 24th Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division, including ten T-34 tanks, four 57-mm. anti-tank guns, and 25 trucks, were entrained at Berlin-Schoeneweide, presumably to be shipped to Lieberose. Also on 22 June, two shipments, one allegedly including anti-tank guns and motor vehicles, went from Wustrow to Fuerstenwalde.² On 10 June, a tank detachment of the 68th Guards Tank Regiment was transferred from Kaulsdorf to Templin. On 8 June, one shipment with a unit of the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division moved from Fuerstenwalde to Wustrow, and another shipment with a light anti-aircraft unit from Eberswalde to Lieberose. On 23 June, four shipments, including anti-aircraft units of the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division from the Schuetzenkaserne in Eberswalde and tank units, were entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station.³
5. Third Shock Army: Between 28 May and early June, units believed to comprise medical corps personnel engaged in exercises at the Schweinrich training grounds, with the participation of two shipments of army ambulance units, one from Schwerin and one from Magdeburg. Until mid-June, units of the 18th Mechanized Division at the Schweinrich training grounds practiced the construction of field fortifications and the operation of motor-vehicle convoys. On 15 and 16 June, three troop shipments, presumably carrying anti-aircraft units, went from Dranse and Wittstock to Wustrow. On 9 June, one shipment with 16 rocket launchers of the 10th Guards Rocket-Launcher Regiment of the 9th Rifle Corps arrived at Schweinrich for firing practices. In mid-June, a camp south-east of Jaevenitz in Letzling Heath was occupied by elements of the 207th Rifle Division from Stendal, while Camps Born I and Born III were occupied to capacity by Army troops and units of the 9th Guards Mechanized Division from Magdeburg. Units of the division at Hillersleben trained at the troop training grounds near the post. On 12 June, the bulk of the anti-aircraft artillery regiment of the 79th Rifle Corps was transferred in three shipments from Burg to Wustrow.

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6. Eighth Guards Army: On 11 June, one shipment with a unit of the 13th Anti- Aircraft Artillery Division went from Weimar to Wustrow. From 13 to 15 June, an Army tank training unit with seven tanks was observed in a tent camp at the Forst Zeitz firing range. Between 7 and 16 June, the occupation of the Kindel training grounds was unusually light, and no exercises were observed.

At 10 p.m. on 19 June, one shipment including twelve 100-mm anti-tank guns, twelve prime movers and 300 troops, presumably of the 76th Artillery Brigade, was observed at the Naumburg railroad station and was headed toward Weissenfels. On 20 June, elements of the engineer battalion of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division were entrained at the Dessau railroad station and headed in the direction of Bitterfeld. Until 16 June, the 67th Guards Mechanized Regiment was still stationed in Zeitz, with intensive training taking place in the Forst Zeitz training area.

7. IV Artillery Corps: On 10 and 11 June, a light-anti-aircraft unit of the 32nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division returned from Jueterbog to Kuestrin; two shipments, each with a medium anti-aircraft unit, went from Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin to Wustrow. On 21 June, the entire 4th Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade was observed at the former Kraft-durch-Freude installations in Bad Prora. In mid-June, there were indications that the 2nd Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division at the Eisenbahn Kaserne in Rehagen was equipped with guns of a modern type, possibly with ballistic directors.

B. Equipment:

1. On 19 June, a shipment with 68 guns left Brest-Litovsk for Fuerstenwalde. On 21 June, twelve 12-cm. field howitzers and three rocket launchers from Fuerstenwalde were detrained at the Satzkorn railroad station.⁴
2. On 22 and 23 June, railroad cars were assembled at the Biesenthal railroad station. On 24 June, the loading of 57-mm. anti-tank guns was observed, with 52 guns already on the cars, Additional guns are being shipped there.⁵

C. KVP Developments:

1. Prior to 16 June, additional elements of the guard regiment at Biesdorf were transferred to installations south of Strausberg. On 17 June, additional components of the KVP Department, Interior Ministry, were moved from Glinka Strasse, Berlin, to Strausberg.

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2. On 12 June, the engineer battalion of the Prenzlau division, equipped with 50 pontoons, departed by rail from Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg for exercises an an unknown site. 25X1

1. Comment: The shipments carried anti-tank units returning from practice firing at sea targets. 25X1

2. Comment: Possibly the return of anti-tank units from firing practices at the Baltic coast. 25X1

3. Comment: Anti-aircraft artillery units were being transferred to Wustrow, and tank units to Templin, for firing exercises. 25X1

4. Comment: This indicates distribution of guns newly arrived from the USSR, probably for reequipment of the 10th Guards Tank Division.

5. Comment: Reshipment to the USSR of anti-tank guns turned in at the Biesenthal ordnance shop. 25X1

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 Comment: There was intensive training activity, including firing practices with live ammunition by small units. The distribution of combat units was unchanged. In mid-June, the Wustrow anti-aircraft firing range was newly occupied by components of numerous anti-aircraft artillery units from the entire zone.

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