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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC 1. Troop Movements at the Railroad Stations of Rathenow and Magdeburg

2. Firing Practice North of Ludwigslust

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At 1400 on 4 July 1954, a Soviet troop train was seen en route from Nordbahnhof Rathenow toward the main railroad station. It consisted of 9 flatcars, each carrying a M-31 rocket launcher, and approximately 12 other flatcars with trucks [redacted] and 9 boxcars with equipment and approximately 15 soldiers each. The EM wore red-bordered black epaulets. 1 25X1

2. At 1200 on 9 July, 7 tanks [redacted] were derailed at Magdeburg-Friedrichstede railroad station. 2 25X1

3. From 1030 until 1130 on 7 July, M-13 rocket launchers engaged in a firing practice with live ammunition north of Ludwigslust. The guns were replaced one after another at intervals of approximately 20 meters along a country road east of the Ludwigslust-Schwerin road off Fahrbande. They were pointed southeast and were fired individually at intervals of approximately 10 minutes. Upon completion of the practice, a column of 16 M-13 rocket launchers, 8 trucks with approximately 180 men and ammunition boxes, and 3 sidecar motorcycles with officers assembled on the Ludwigslust-Schwerin road and departed toward Ludwigslust. 3 25X1

1. Comment. The shipment from Rathenow probably carried other elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig. A unit of the brigade from Rathenow had already been transferred to Altengraben on 29 June. 25X1

2. [redacted] 25X1

3. Comment. The firing practice with live ammunition was probably carried out by elements of the 10th Gds RL Regt which, upon completion of the exercises, were to be entrained in Ludwigslust for shipment back to the post. 25X1

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