

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) REPORT 50X1-HUMTOPIC Military Information from Apetlon 50X1-HUMEVALUATION 50X1-HUM PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT 50X1-HUMDATE OBTAINED 50X1-HUM DATE PREPARED 19 October 1954REFERENCES 50X1-HUMPAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 50X1-HUMREMARKS 50X1-HUM

1. From 0545 and 0615 on 19 September 1954, at 0600 on 22 and 24 September, and from 0600 and 0615, and 1645 and 1700 on 25 September, firing practice probably by medium AA guns was heard on the Apetlon AAA Range. From 1600 to 1700 on 24 September, medium AA guns practiced firing at a sleeve target towed by a piston engine aircraft which repeatedly changed its course from a southern to a northern direction.

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2. On 22 September, a column of 10 trucks 50X1-HUM passed Apetlon and went toward the camp. Each truck towed a medium AA gun and was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. On 24 September, another column of 10 trucks 50X1-HUM went toward Camp Apetlon. Each truck also towed a medium AA gun and was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets.

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3. The following vehicles passed through Apetlon from and to the AAA camp between 18 and 25 September:

18 September. Truck 50X1-HUM20 September. Trucks21 September. Truck22 September. Sedan23 September. Trucks24 September. Trucks25 September. Sedan26 September. Trucks27 September. Truck28 September. Trucks

All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 21 September, a one-star general was observed in sedan 50X1-HUM which was parked at Apetlon and driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 25 September, a column of van-like trucks 50X1-HUM and driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets came from the AAA camp and passed through Apetlon. The trucks were of a type which was observed for the first time. They had a superstructure which was about 50 percent longer and somewhat higher than that of the standard van-like truck.

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6. On 28 September, truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets was parked on the northwestern perimeter of Apetlon near the custom houses where the cadre personnel of the AAA range were quartered.

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[redacted] Comment. The information confirms that the Apetlon AAA Range was occupied by AAA units and that AA gun firing practices were also held during the last ten days of September 1954.

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[redacted] units stationed at the Apetlon AAA Range included components of the 23d AAA Div, elements of the AAA battalion of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from St Poelten/Camp Spratzern, air force AAA units from Wiener Neustadt and Paradorf, and probably elements of AAA units from Hungary.

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