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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The following shipments were entrained at the Binz railroad station on Ruegen Island:

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7 February: 30 flatcars and 10 boxcars with 6 x 85-mm AT guns and about 20 trucks;

8 February: 30 flatcars and 11 boxcars with 85-mm AT guns and about 20 trucks

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9 February: 30 flatcars and 11 boxcars with 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns and about 20 trucks. 1

2. On 16 February 1955, the following *motor vehicle column* was observed on the Strassenbruecke Nord (Wilhelm Ploetz Bruecke) in Neustadt:

At 1645: 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars, about 15 trucks, 2 radio trucks and 1 tank truck. Truck

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_____ were identified. The column appeared to be identical with the one seen en route westward on 13 February.

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At 1900: 14 guns of undetermined type, 4 x 120-mm mortars and about 20 trucks.

At 2000: 2 small columns of a total of about 15 trucks. 2

The columns drove eastward toward the kaserne.

3. Between 1000 and 1400 on 18 February, 23 large trucks with caterpillar drive were detrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and driven to the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001). The trucks were covered with canvas and were provided with five plexiglass windows on either side. 3

4. At 2100 on 19 February, the following vehicles and troops moved into the Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar from the direction of the town: 6 x 120-mm field howitzers, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 120-mm mortars, 8 canvas-covered AA guns, about 80 trucks, 6 radio trucks, 3 ambulances, 4 field kitchens, 2 SU-100s and about 800 soldiers.

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5. At 0400 on 13 February, the following materiel was entrained at the Neuruppin railroad station: 15 tanks with five large bogie wheels each presumably 8 x 122 mm field howitzers, other artillery pieces and 37-mm AA guns. At about 1100, an unusual number of high-ranking officers arrived by sedans for a meeting in the Schuetzenhaus. ⁵

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6. On 22 February, 10 x 37-mm AA guns and about 30 motor vehicles were detrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station for the restricted Schlassgarten area (2227).

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1. Comment. The weapons indicate that units of the 4th Art Arty Brig were entrained which, transferred to Wustrow on three trains. The units probably conducted practice firing at sea targets. elements of the brigade returned to Ruegen on 11 February aboard two trains including one

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2. Comment. According to the reported motor vehicle the units appeared to be artillery elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which are believed to have conducted firing practices at Letzing Heath from 13 to 16 February.

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3. Comment. the trains carried prime movers from the USSR and went to the zone via Frankfurt/Oder. Their cargo was indicated with shipment surpassing scheduled load. Because of the fact that the cargo surpassed scheduled load, it was previously assumed that the trains carried heavy howitzers for the 124th Hv How Arty Brig. The vehicles are probably especially large prime movers whose purpose with the brigade cannot yet be definitely be determined.

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4. Comment. According to the weapons and motor vehicle units of the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned to their post. The units probably practiced firing at Letzing Heath where they had already been in early February. The SU-100s probably belong to the first mentioned regiment which, however, has during the last few years been observed with SU-76s only. Since the SU-76 is an old type gun, it is possible that it is being replaced by the SU-100 type. Corresponding observations have not been made with other motorized rifle regiments of motorized rifle divisions.

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5. Comment. It is believed that artillery and tank units of the 12th Gds Tank Div were entrained. Whether the tanks were of the new type or not could not be determined. The units presumably moved to the training grounds for firing practices (Altengrabow or Jueterbog?). artillery units were detrained in Neuruppin on 16 February.

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6. Comment. Units of the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div returned from firing exercises at Forst Zinna where they had moved on 15 and 14 February. The regiment is confirmed in Neustrelitz until 22 February 1955 by the present report.

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