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1. At 0900 on 9 March 1955, at least 25 trucks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were unloaded at the Genthin railroad station and left toward Karow-Ziesar. At 1600, a second shipment of 12 x 100-mm AT guns, approximately 40 trucks and 8 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was detrained. All motor vehicles numbers had been painted over; the license plates at the lower left in the rear were covered. [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED]. A railroadman stated that 5 shipments had already been unloaded at the Genthin railroad station on that day.<sup>1</sup>
2. After 1830 on 16 March, 11 columns passed over the northern road bridge (Wilhelm Pieck Bruecke) in Magdeburg and proceeded eastward. The columns included a total of 12 rocket launchers, 12 medium AA guns, 1 x 20-mm AA gun, 10 x 57-mm, 4 x 85-mm and 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 x 120-mm and 2 x 160-mm mortars, 17 armored personnel carriers, 4 armored scout cars, 1 T-34 tank, 71 signal vehicles, 7 jeeps, 6 ambulances, 17 tank trucks, 16 motorcycles, 23 field kitchens and 321 trucks. The bulk of the columns entered the Herrenkrug and Anger Kasernes (5283/84); other elements entered the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286). 2 25X1
3. At about 0700 on 12 March, 8 rocket launchers of a new type with a caliber of 170 to 200 mm, accompanied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 15 trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 15 trucks with ammunition (projectiles with fins), and 1 radio truck passed through Rathenow. The column came from the east and proceeded toward the Wald Kasernen. 3 25X1
4. The following shipments were observed at the Dallgow-Doerberitz railroad station between 13 and 17 March:

13 March. At 2053, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 120-mm mortars, approximately 30 trucks [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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black epaulets were loaded.

14 March. At 0143, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, approximately 30 trucks and some 150 soldiers were loaded for Forst Zinna.

17 March. At 0252, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and approximately 30 trucks arrived from Forst Zinna.

At 0723, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 120-mm mortars, 44 trucks and some 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived from Forst Zinna.<sup>4</sup>

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5. At 0615 on 9 March, a shipment including 10 new tanks with crated guns passed through the Britz railroad station and proceeded toward Templin. 5

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6. On 15 March, a shipment of 20 flatcars carrying 20 track-laying amphibious vehicles went from Frankfurt/Oder to Eberswalde. 6

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1. Comment. 5 shipments went from Koenigsbrueck to Genthin with artillery units of the First Gds Mecz Army on 8 March.

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2. Comment. Units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which, transferred on 13 March, presumably to winter exercises of the division in the Letzling Heath, returned to their installations.

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3. Comment. The rocket launchers of a new type are quite definitely believed to belong to the 25th Gds RL Brig which, along with other units of the 6th Arty Div, moved on 3 trains from Rathenow to Doeberitz on 7 March, probably to participate in winter exercises of the 1st Mecz Div. The unit mentioned in the present report presumably returned to Rathenow by road.

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4. Comment. This transfer of artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div to Forst Zinna was confirmed by railroad records.

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5. Comment. This may have been with new tanks (T-54?), went from Brest-Litovsk to Neustrelitz. The above-mentioned shipment, however, included approximately 20 tanks.

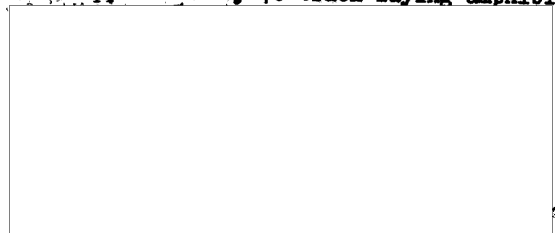
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6. Comment. With this shipment, the Fourth Gds Mecz Army received a total of approximately 70 track-laying amphibious vehicles from the USSR.

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