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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Unloading of Tanks and Troop Movements in the Jueterbog Area 25X1

EVALUATION _____ PLACE OBTAINED _____ 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT _____ 25X1

DATE OBTAINED _____ DATE PREPARED 10 June 1955

REFERENCES _____ 25X1

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At 2000 on 12 May 1955, a train with 1 boxcar occupied by troops and 14 cars with tanks arrived at the Forst Zinna railroad station from the direction of Jueterbog. 25X1

At the same time, a train of 11 railroad cars carrying 11 tanks was seen on a siding. The tanks were covered by tarpaulins, the railroad cars had sideracks, about 1 meter high. The lower edge of 6 large bogie wheels was observed on one tank. A gun barrel was covered by tarpaulins and laths. The tanks were unloaded at night. On 13 May, imprints of tank tracks led toward Werder-Markendorf via Neuhof.¹ At 2000 on 17 May, 1 shipment of 16 x 6-axle railroad cars with tanks and 1 railroad car with personnel arrived at the Forst Zinna railroad station. The tanks were covered by tarpaulins, the barrels were crated. They had no muzzle brakes. The shipment was unloaded after nightfall. Imprints of tank tracks led in the same direction as on 13 May.² 25X1

2. On 16 May, a train, which was bound for Forst Zinna, was seen in Jueterbog. Sixteen canvas-covered tanks and 4 boxcars were observed. Unloading started at 2030. The tanks had 5 large bogie wheels and a barrel without muzzle brake.³ 25X1

3. On 19 May, 12 trucks, each towing a 120-mm mortar and each occupied by about 15 soldiers, came from the direction of Jueterbog-Altes Lager (3205) and proceeded toward Neues Lager (3204). The vehicles were followed by a column of 15 to 20 motor vehicles towing 15 to 20 guns, presumably of 60 to 80 mm.⁴ 25X1
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1. Comment. This observation confirms the two shipments from the USSR which crossed the border on 12 May and proceeded to Forst Zinna. _____

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- 3. [Redacted] Comment. The train, which was unloaded on 16 May, apparently arrived one day earlier than train [Redacted] mentioned in Comment 2. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] At 1800 on 15 May, a train of 1 boxcar and 28 flatcars with tanks arrived in Frankfurt/Oder from Brest-Litevsk. This train may have been identical to that observed on 16 May. Although source of paragraph 1 allegedly observed 6 bogie wheels, the other details tend to indicate that the 4 trains (2 on 12 May and 1 train each on 16 and 17 May) carried T-54 tanks which proceeded to the summer camp of the 7th Gds Tank Div at Werder-Markendorf. Thus, the division has presumably received a total of approximately 230 T-54 tanks to date.

- 4. [Redacted] Comment. The observations tend to indicate that Altes Lager is still occupied by the howitzers and mortar regiment of the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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