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1. The following military field installations were observed in the Durres area:

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- a. Eight heavy Soviet-type artillery pieces in the vicinity of the royal palace overlooking the port of Durres.¹
- b. Thirteen heavy Soviet-type artillery pieces deployed at the foot of the hill on which the royal palace is located. On an unidentified hill just north of the thirteen artillery pieces additional artillery pieces and military personnel were observed as well as a (newly?) constructed road and numerous (sic) machine-gun emplacements.
- c. Zig-zag trenches, machine-gun and artillery emplacements south of the port area.²

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2. The following military field installations were observed in the Kavajë area, approximately 12 miles south of Durres:

- a. Three heavy Soviet-type artillery pieces and an unspecified number of machine-gun emplacements at Shkemb i Kavajës.³
- b. An unspecified number of heavy Soviet-type artillery pieces are deployed north of the Kavajë Agricultural School. In July 1954, four AA guns, of unspecified caliber, were observed near the Agricultural School.

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3. Each of the artillery pieces observed were serviced(sic) by 8 to 10 soldiers.⁴

4. Troops in Durres and Vlone are equipped with heavy tanks received from the Soviet Union.

[Redacted] Comments:

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1. [Redacted] u/i AA battery [Redacted] located in the immediate vicinity of ex-King Zog's royal palace overlooking Durres. [Redacted] various gun emplacements of the 23rd Coast Artillery Brigade with Headquarters in Durres. [Redacted]

2. [Redacted]

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3. Shkëmb (or Shkamb) i Kavajës is a cliff in the vicinity of Kavajë.

4. The word "serviced" is not clear. [Redacted] probably means that there are 8 to 10 men on the gun crews.

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