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COUNTRY	Austria	REPORT	
TOPIC	1. Soviet Tent Camp and Motor Vehicle Parking Lot northeast of Melk		25X1
	2. Soviet Troops in Melk, Urfahr and Mauer Gehling		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT			25X1
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REMARKS			25X1
This is UNEVALUATED Information			

1. On 28 May 1955, a camp site which included 11 ready tents and 21 tents under construction was observed on the southern bank of the Danube River, about 1 kilometer northeast of Melk. Motor vehicles parked at the site included 10 pontoon carriers, 30 trucks, 28 loaded with small pontoons and 2 loaded with motor boats, a crane truck, a tank truck, and 4 van-like motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] Another 29 pontoon carriers and a van-like motor vehicle were parked about 1 kilometer northeast of the above-mentioned tent camp. Amphibious jeep [redacted] with a driver wearing blue-bordered black epaulets which was occupied by some officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, one of whom was a colonel, was observed on a drive between the motor vehicle parking lot and the tent camp. 1 25X1
2. On 28 May 1955, about 30 soldiers whose service color was undetermined were observed practicing with two 65-mm AT guns and two 57-mm AT guns in the area of the Birago Kaserne in Melk where 3 [redacted] trucks were parked. 2 25X1
3. On 30 May 1955, some squads of 9 soldiers who were supervised by an officer were observed practicing with rifles and marching in review in the area of the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr. An undetermined number of soldiers worked on two SU-76 SP guns. Sixteen trucks and 2 van-like motor vehicles were parked under shedroofs, and 4 trucks and 2 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the open. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included van-like motor vehicles [redacted] and trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and jeep [redacted]. In the morning, soldiers were observed penetrating into a position and throwing hand grenades in the training area west of the installation. At 1300, 66 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets, carried SKS rifles and gas masks, and were led by a major and 5 officers all of whom wore black-bordered red epaulets returned to the installation. 3 25X1

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4. On 31 May 1955, 28 trucks, possibly 12 more trucks and 6 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the area of the former Landesheilanstalt (district mental hospital) in Mauer Oehling. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted] drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was apparently occupied to capacity. About 30 soldiers constructed telephone lines on the training ground northeast of the installation. [redacted] no troop shipments were made as yet and no Soviet civilians had hitherto left the town. 3

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1. [redacted] Comment. The engineer training ground near Melk was also used in July 1954. [redacted] The site was later rendered temporarily unusable due to high water.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] It is noted that 57-mm AT guns have been observed in the area of this installation.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates that there is no change in the occupation of the Urfahr and Mauer Oehling stations.

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