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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten, Urfahr and Melk

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EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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DATE PREPARED 6 July 1955REFERENCES [redacted]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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[redacted] and jeep [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; van-like motor vehicle [redacted] and truck [redacted]. Truck [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks [redacted] were observed entering or leaving the area of the former mill at 88 Wiener Strasse. Five trucks, 2 van-like motor vehicles, a jeep, an armored half-track vehicle, 2 lieutenant colonels and 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, but only few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the area of Camp Spratzern. Motor vehicles observed at the camp included jeeps and [redacted] trucks [redacted] UNCODED all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and truck [redacted]

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2. On 14 June 1955, 30 soldiers were observed at review practices by fives in the area of the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr. Twenty-five soldiers serviced an SU-76 SP gun, a tank truck and 2 van-like motor vehicles. Twenty-two motor vehicles were parked under shedroofs. A colonel, 2 lieutenant colonels and 5 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia,

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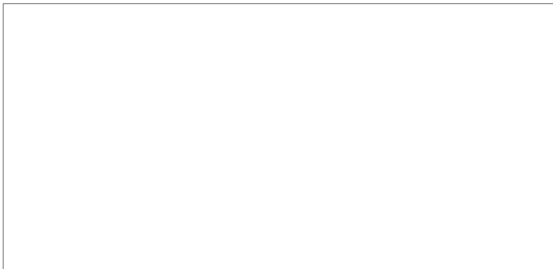
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