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1. General:

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The withdrawal of Soviet border guards and the troop rotation program continued. The bulk of the Soviet army units are at their posts, engaged in training recruits and in reconditioning equipment. KVP training activities came to a close with fall inspections and the examinations at the schools. The employment of KVP personnel in harvesting continued.

2. Training Activities:

Sixteen tanks (JS, T-54 and SP) were engaged in night firing at the Wittstock training grounds on 17 and 18 October. On 17 October, the medium tank regiment of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division went in one shipment from Templin to Kaulsdorf. T-34's, M-13 rocket launchers, and AT guns practiced firing at Die Lewitz training grounds, south of Schwerin, on 18 and 19 October. Two shipments with tank details were sent from Leipzig/Taucha toward Eilenburg on 21 October.

3. Return of Border Guard Units to the USSR:

Thirteen shipments with border guard units returning to the USSR were observed between 14 and 22 October. The following outgoing shipments, reported for the first time, were observed: [Redacted] from Tangerhuetten to Kietz and [Redacted] from Magdeburg to Frankfurt/Oder on 21 October; and [Redacted] from Gera to Brest Litovsk on 22 October.

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[Redacted] Installation 8141 in Gera and Installation 2002 in Brandenburg are used as collection

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centers for the returning units. Trains observed going from the zonal border to collection centers [REDACTED] from Mieste, East of Oebisfelde, to Brandenburg on 9 October and [REDACTED] from Krinau, East of Salzwedel, to Tangerhuette on 13 October.

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#### 4. Troop Rotation:

Fifty westbound shuttle trains with approximately 65,000 recruits and 36 eastbound shipments with about 39,000 discharges were observed between 24 September and 27 October. Shuttle trains [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have been employed.

[REDACTED] During the same period in 1954, 80 westbound and 70 eastbound shipments had been made.

#### 5. Unidentified Shipments:

Seven shipments with a total of 136 flatcars and 14 converted boxcars were sent from Moegelin, near Rathenow, to Brest Litovsk between 10 and 24 October. On 24 October a train, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] consisting of two converted boxcars and 17 flatcars went from Brest Litovsk to Ammendorf via Frankfurt/Oder. The loads carried in these shipments were not determined.

#### 6. KVP:

- a. According to as yet unconfirmed information a total of 8121 FDJ members were in the process of being inducted into the KVP between 1 and 15 October.
- b. On 25 October, a KVP shipment consisting of 25 heavy-duty flatcars, two boxcars, one flatcar and two converted boxcars went from Jueterbog to RBD Halle via Falkenberg. The shipment possibly involved a tank delivery to the KVP.
- c. The occupation of the KVP installations in Prora appeared to be unusually light on 18 October. Only engineer equipment was observed.
- d. The bulk of the corps units from Pasewalk were engaged in an exercise in the area northeast of Pasewalk between 18 and 21 October. The exercise was supervised by Brigadier General Hermann Rentzsch.
- e. Elements of Mechanized Regiments Oranienburg and Brandenburg-Hohenstuecken and of Artillery Regiment Gloewen had apparently moved to the training grounds East of Kietz after 22 October.

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