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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 28 November 1955:

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1. Soviet Activities

Troops remained mostly within garrison areas, where recruit training continued. Under the annual troop rotation program, more than 100,000 men had been involved in each direction. Between 14 and 23 November the special equipment was removed from four shuttle trains and the trains subsequently broken up. On 6 November, according to unconfirmed information, a 240-mm. mortar was seen with the 65th Mortar Brigade in Rathenow.

2. Soviet Movements

- a. During the period 16 - 30 November more than 2,000 empty two-axle flatcars allegedly are to be moved from East Germany to Brest Litovsk where they are to be loaded with motor vehicles for shipment to East Germany. It is not known whether they will be consigned to the Soviet Army or the KVP. During the period 17 - 19 November eight trains, each with 50 empty flats, reportedly left East Germany under this program. On 21 - 23 November two more trains were turned over to Soviet authorities daily. Thus some 700 empties had possibly already been sent or earmarked by 23 November. No return movement has been reported so far.
- b. On 9 November a shipment including 12 rocket launchers moved from Brest Litovsk to Frankfurt/Oder.
- c. On 11 November an AAA unit moved from Frankfurt/Oder to Wustrow for firing practice.
- d. The tanks unloaded in Doeberitz on 6 November have been confirmed as one shipment from Neuruppin with 16 T-34's and one shipment from Neustrelitz with 14 JS-2's.¹

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3. KVP Activities

- a. Except for a few troops at small-scale, advanced training exercises, most personnel were performing general interior duty or were on leave. Recruit training was conducted at Potsdam and Prora. Former Minister of the Interior Willi Stoph was mentioned as a general for the first time.
- b. According to an unconfirmed statement by a resident of Havelberg, three factory-new rocket launchers, shipped from Gleewen, were unloaded by the KVP on 9 November.
- c. On 24 November a rail shipment, presumably containing ammunition, moved from Wilmersdorf/Pfaffendorf to Pasewalk. Similar shipments will allegedly follow.
- d. Perleberg, in addition to Erfurt, has now been reported to be the location of a higher sector headquarters of the Border Police. The coastal sector has presumably been subdivided also.

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- 1. Comment: earlier report on arrival of tanks in Doeberitz.

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