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A three-page report on Soviet rail traffic and border guard activity in the vicinity of Dzhulfa (N 38-54, E 45-38), Azerbaijani SSR, for the period 28 January - 16 April 1957

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February 1957

At 1100 hours a military maneuver was performed by the Soviets at Julfa, the duration of which was approximately two hours.

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January 1957

At 0800 hours, close to the river bank, just opposite the monastery, 14 rockets were launched by the Soviets, with 7-minute intervals.

15 February 1957

From Julfa to Nakhichevan.

The train was made up of 26 cars, of which 20 were flatcars, each carrying a gun. Diameter of the barrels was about 50-60 cms, and the length approximately 3-3½ meters.

The other two flatcars each carried one automobile.

The remaining four boxcars were full of soldiers.

22 February 1957

Early in the morning, a train passed towards Julfa, made up of 40 cars, of which five flatcars each carried a big gun (described above), five flatcars, tanks (one on every flatcar), four boxcars were full of soldiers, and the remaining cars were closed and covered.

25 February 1957

From Julfa to Nakhichevan.

The train was made up of 60 cars, of which 15 flatcars each carried one tank. Two boxcars were full of soldiers, and the remaining cars were closed and covered.

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1 March 1957 - At 1200 hours on 1 March 1957 one Soviet freight train, made up of 45 cars arrived in Soviet Julfa from Baku.

4 March 1957 - At 0900 hours 4 March 1957, one Soviet freight train made up of 35 cars arrived in Soviet Julfa from Baku.

10 March 1957 - At 1200 hours on 10 March a freight train of 50 cars arrived in Soviet Julfa from Baku.

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20 March 1957 - At 1100 hours on 14 March, two Soviet planes were observed over Soviet Julfa, which disappeared in the west after a 10-minute flight over the town.

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26 February 1957 - The train, made up of 22 cars, passed at 1600 hours from Nakhichevan to Julfa. 15 boxcars were full of soldiers, 5 flat cars carried 3 big guns, and 2 flat cars - two tanks.

3 March 1957 - Since three days, target shooting exercises are carried on at the opposite station. On the first two days the soldiers were using light machine guns, but today heavy machine guns were observed instead of light ones.

10 March 1957 - Target shooting exercises were carried on at the opposite station with rifles.

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Light cars arrived in Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa at 2:00 P.M. 1957, 1591760.

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March 4, 1957 about 30 tanks were observed at a point west of Julfa, approximately 100 tracks.

April 13, 14 and 15 the following freight - cars (one of them from Iranian Julfa from Soviet Julfa: 1018839, 1061832, 1013045, 1013046, 1009177, 1571002, 099714, 81669, 717245, 1502481

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Train from Nakhichevan to Julfa. The train was made up of 50 cars and 2 locomotives. 1 flat-car carried seven heavy guns, 2 carried two heavy tanks, 15 covered cars full of soldiers, and the rest were covered cars.

Train from Nakhichevan to Julfa. The train was made up of 25 cars, 2 locomotives, 1 flat-car carried ten heavy tanks (covered), 2 flat-cars carried heavy guns, and the three last cars were covered.

Train from Nakhichevan to Julfa. The train was made up of 25 cars, 2 locomotives, 1 flat-car carried ten heavy tanks (covered), 2 flat-cars carried heavy guns, and the three last cars were covered.

Train from Julfa to Nakhichevan. The train was made up of 30 cars, of which 15 flat-cars carried heavy tanks (covered), 5 flat-cars 5 heavy tanks, and the remainder box cars were full of soldiers.

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