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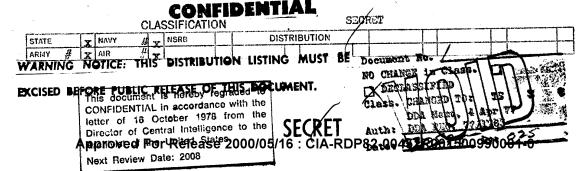
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Soviet armor has been observed throughout northern Mecklenburg and Vorpommern. Most witnesses report the presence of heavy tanks resembling the German Tiger. On the whole, the tanks appear to travel in convoys of 100-120 vehicles, with escorting vehicles following

in three to four separate groups. No firm evidence has been provided concerning the number of tanks involved. Stettin has been used continuously since early March as a port of entry for armor, most of which has been sent on to northern Mecklen-burg. A railroad engineer reports that between 12 and 19 April; he drove five trains, each composed of sixty flaters, with a heavy tank on each car. In a few instances, two medium tanks were loaded on one car. The vehicles were manned and tanked, enabling them to form up

immediately after descending the ramp. The ultimate destination of

- Armor also has been arriving at Swinemunde (L21) and, in 1500-ton vessels, at Wolgast (F92).
- divor early April, 500 to 600 tanks are alleged to have been con-cantimated near Loitz (P51), where they are participating in Soviet Air Force mineuvers. Although there have been the usual numors of paratroop exercises, former memoers of the Wehrmacht state that only supply drop runs have been made.
- During the might of Mo-II April, three freight trains arrived in Rostock (081) from the direction of Stralsund (P44). Eighty new T-34 tanks and their crews on these trains proceeded to quarters in Rosearly April arrival of motorized 25X1A units, consisting chiefly of Mongolian troops, in Firstenberg (U52), Meustralitz (U54), and Felaberg (U84).
 - Rigen Island continues to be built up by the Russians, who have set 6, up heavy AA guns north of Altenkirchen (F68), supplementing German AA and naval batteries in concrete emplacements hear Hehberg-Ost (unlocated) and two batteries northwest of Arkona (P69). Two bat-



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teries of three guns each are in fixed positions near Zühlitz (P68). The partially-finished KdF installation "auf der "chunclen Heide" has been converted into an AA school. Naval artillery troops occupy some part of this installation. Fortifications also are being built north of Sassnitz. (P87).

