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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in POTSDAM Area

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1. An artillery unit with which the following troops and materiel were observed, was detrained at the POTSDAM (N 53/Z 63) freight station:

About 20 officers including three lieutenant colonels

About 200 EM

Seven canvas-covered guns of 100 to 120 mm caliber on low four-wheel mounts

Seven canvas-covered high rectangular boxes on two-wheel carriages

About 30 trucks with numbers of the [REDACTED] series, including the numbers [REDACTED] 25X1C

Two field kitchens. [REDACTED] 25X1C

The unit left in the direction of NEDLITZ (N 53/Z 63).

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2. a. The following convoys passed through POTSDAM and proceeded towards NEDLITZ:

(1) A convoy of ten trucks, pulling 100-mm howitzers and four trucks, loaded with quartering equipment. The trucks pulling guns were each occupied by 8 to 10 soldiers. The truck number E 5-46-xx was secured. The convoy had come from a southerly direction.

(2) A convoy of ten trucks with mounted, canvas-covered searchlights followed the first convoy about two hours later. One of the trucks had the number [REDACTED] and 25X1C another truck also a number of the [REDACTED] series. The 25X1C convoy had come from a southerly direction.

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b. The following observations were made at the POTSDAM military post. +

(1) Former German "3. Garde Ulanen" Kaserne:

About two hundred recruits were observed being trained. Officers wore tank insignia.

The following motor vehicles were identified.

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(2) Adolf Hitler Kaserne:

The following motor vehicles passed through the kaserne gate:

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(3) Garde Husaren Kaserne on Berlinerstrasse:

Occupied by only a guard detail. Construction work was performed in the kaserne.

(4) Artillerie Kaserne on Redlitzerstrasse:

The following motor vehicles passed through the kaserne gate:

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(5) Ruinenberg Kaserne on Pappellallee:

Occupied by only a guard detail.

(6) Troops held landing exercises with three assault boats on the Havel River near POTSDAM on 16 August 1949.

(7) A Soviet trading enterprise with motor pool was located at 25 Jaegerallee. The enterprise had the [REDACTED] and 25X1C was subordinate to Col. MILIKOVSKI, chief of supply administration. The following motor vehicles belonged to the mentioned motor pool:

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passenger car

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c. Ten tanks coming from the direction of DOEBERITZ (N 53/2 65), moved into the kaserne on the road to GROSSGLIENICKE (N 53/2 64). The trucks [REDACTED] were also seen entering the kaserne area.

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d. About 100 troops carrying entrenching tools moved into the former Panzer Kaserne, KRAMPNITZ. The troops had come from the direction of DOEBERITZ.

2 September 1949

e. The former Artillerie Kaserne, NEDLITZ, was only lightly occupied by artillerymen. Repair work was done at the kaserne.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment:

a. The report indicates that artillery units returned to POESDAM in late July and early August 1949 (upon completion of maneuvers in ABERGGLADOW ?). As the units were seen leaving the POESDAM railroad station towards NEDLITZ, it can be assumed that they were stationed in the Artillerie Kasernes south of "Nedlitzer Bruecke". Some troops from these kasernes had not returned by 2 September 1949.

25X1C b. The [REDACTED] motor vehicle numbering series were previously observed in these kasernes. The [REDACTED] 25X1C series belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) and is therefore believed to have been misidentified.

c. Col MARINOVSKI was reported by the same source to have been chief of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany Supply and Administration Division (APN 16 455) in July 1949. Col MARINOVSKI's office is located in the former Adolf Hitler Kaserne, his apartment at 25 Jaegerallee. A motor pool is said to be located in the former Garde Ulanen Kaserne (also called Hohnelohe Kaserne).

25X1C d. The [REDACTED] is assigned to a Soviet commercial enterprise in BERLIN.

+ according to previous reports, some small units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany and the GMA are stationed in the kasernes which were reportedly occupied by only guard details.

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