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1. The enlisted personnel of the Treptow (Berlin) Bereitschaft has been transferred to Saxony in the Russian Zone, reportedly to Loebau and Frankenberg. 50X1-HUM

2. To replace the Berlin unit, elements have been taken from the Loebau and Frankenberg Bereitschaften, while the 1st Leipzig Bereitschaft contributed an entire Kommando to the new unit transferred to Berlin.

3. In the general transfer of the Berlin Bereitschaft, a part of the original personnel, largely consisting of older members and those of officer rank who were recruited from the Berlin police, have been transferred to the East Berlin Polizeipräsidium, including Adam, former chief of one of the four kommandos, Fischer, former chief of staff, Berlin Bereitschaft, and Mickin, all of whom hold the rank of Polizeirat.

4. The present status and position of Kommandeur Tutlitz, head of the former Treptow unit, has not as yet been determined. His successor at Treptow is reportedly a former company commander from the Volkspolizei school at Eggesin holding the rank of Polizeioberst.

5. The new Berlin Bereitschaft is up to T/O strength.

6. The official reason given for the exchange of personnel was that the Berlin Bereitschaft had fallen behind in its training schedule.

() Comment: Although this official explanation may be partially true, Treptow having been handicapped from its inception by its lack of an adequate training area, the real reason is to be found in the political field. The Berlin Bereitschaft, consisting largely of Berlin residents, has for some time been under heavy criticism by the HVA for its non-conformist attitudes (desertions, visits of students to the Western sectors, etc.). In addition, some of the Bereitschaft officers were overly militaristic in their personal demeanor, an attitude actively encouraged by the former chief of police Paul Markgraf).

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 Comment: The significance of this measure, replacing the Berlin personnel of the Inceptow unit with Saxons, considered the most fully indoctrinated and fanatical elements among paramilitary personnel, should be emphasized. At a very critical time in the local Berlin situation, the combat effectiveness of the new unit, at least from the viewpoint of morale, is thus considerably strengthened).

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