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1. Source cites the following facts as possibly indicative of preparation for war:
 - A. All officers on duty in Germany are engaged in an intensified study of the Marxist-Leninist system, are being drilled in "proper" ideological orientation, and love for the USSR and the present regime. Various media are employed: lectures, orientation talks, seminars, movies, plays, printed matter, radio programs. The essence of this training is not only to love and serve the USSR but to hate and abhor the American, English, and French "imperialists"
 - B. Military commissions from Moscow constantly inspect and re-inspect Soviet units on duty in Germany. All measures are being taken to bring the Soviet armed forces to full preparedness for immediate combat. Soldier and officer propaganda also constantly stresses the importance of combat preparedness.
 - C. Practice combat alerts are more and more frequent and comprise larger and larger units. Troops in whole regions may be unexpectedly called for maneuvers in full strength, with full equipment, for prolonged periods of time.
 - D. All regimental headquarters are being brought to full strength from their former average strength of 30%.
 - E. Whereas formerly individual tanks did not have officers, now higher NCOs are being trained for commission as Junior Lieutenants for service as tank commanders.
 - F. All apparatus for anti-aircraft defense is being concentrated. Definite instructions have been given on when to open fire on all aircraft of foreign make
 - (a) in the case of actual attack
 - (b) at special order of regimental commander
 - G. In addition to the regular Soviet aircraft warning service (VNOS), air observation stations have been organized and are on 24-hour duty.
 - H. New special units are being formed, for instance, the 7th Tank Destroyer Regiment (Istrebitelny Protivotankovy Polk) which is stationed in the "Noize"

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Iager in Königsbrück; engineer units in Dresden; new infantry units in Meissen and Riesa, etc.

I. Four to six days each month, headquarters units participate in problems of division and army staff components.

J. German, Polish, and Czech language courses for officers are being given in order to have available Soviet officers to serve with German, Polish, and Czech units in case of war.

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