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SUBJECT: Russian Troops in the Training Areas of
Apetlon, Kaisersteinbruch and Doellersheim

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1. Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74), south of the town of Apetlon, contained 39 wooden barracks buildings, each with a billeting capacity of 30 to 40 men, and two wooden garages south of the barracks. On 10 March 1951, only 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery and motor transport insignia, were stationed in the camp. They had arrived in Apetlon on 24 February under the command of a senior lieutenant. The guard detachment reported previously was still stationed in the former German customs office. *

2. Most of the soldiers observed on 12 March in the northern section of the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch wore red-bordered black epaulets; some wore black-bordered red epaulets. Most of the cantonment buildings were occupied. Twenty-six trucks observed in the camp area [redacted]

[redacted] The last truck was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and who had horse-drawn vehicles with them were seen in the southern section of the cantonment. Military personnel seen in the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch on the south side of the road to Sommerein (P 48/X 67) were predominantly officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. A colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived there in passenger car [redacted]. Fresh tracks made by caterpillar treads were seen in the area surrounding the camp. Two SP guns with unusually long barrels were parked in the sloping terrain south of the Kaisersteinbruch-Sommerein road. Radio vehicles with extended antennae were parked in the woods near Sommerein; the crews wore red-bordered black epaulets, except for one soldier who wore black-bordered black epaulets. **

3. On 13 March, truck [redacted] was seen heading toward the Doellersheim (O 49/R 53) troop training grounds, coming from Vienna II via Korneuburg (P 49/S 30), Stockerau (O 49/S 21) and Horn (O 49/R 83). The truck was occupied by a senior lieutenant, a lieutenant and two EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets. It was loaded with billeting equipment. Source thought that the detail might have been an advance party. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. Apetlon is the firing range of the AAA units subordinate to the Central Group of Forces. The information indicates that firing practice there had not started by 10 March 1951, whereas, in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the first AAA units arrived at the Wustrow AAA range as early as late February 1951. The soldiers observed in Camp Apetlon may have been an advance party preparing billets for the arrival of AAA units.

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** [redacted] Comment. Since [redacted] the 13th Gds Mecz Div have always been observed in the northern section of the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch, it is believed that elements of the division are either stationed there permanently or are rotated there for field training during the winter months. [redacted] The identity of the troops in the southern section of the cantonment and in the cantonment west of the town has not been determined. It is possible that the installations quarter troops who are also rotated there for training.

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** [redacted] Comment. The truck belonged to a component unit of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] that it carried an advance detail en route to the Doellersheim troop training grounds is probably correct.

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