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[Redacted]

1. No westbound or eastbound Soviet troop shipments were observed in Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin between 18 and 26 August 1951.
2. Beginning 18 August, source observed 40 to 60 Soviet air force senior lieutenants and captains arriving daily in Frankfurt/Oder aboard the Blue Express and taking up quarters in the barracks installation on August Bebel Strasse.
3. Large quantities of bridge-building equipment were detained in Fuerstenwalde in the second half of August. The unloading work being done by Soviet soldiers exclusively. (1)
4. The following leave traffic of Soviet military troops, including about 10 percent women, was observed in Frankfurt/Oder from 16 to 20 August:

Date	To Brest Litovsk		From Brest Litovsk	
16 August	200	210	220	230
17 August	270	200	220	180
18 August	220	220	210	210
19 August	240	220	300	230
20 August	220	210	240	220 (2)

5. [Redacted]

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6. The following Soviet troop trains were observed on the Eberswalde-Moustralitz line between 27 July and 20 August:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Type of Troops</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
27 July	32	Infantry	Joachimsthal	Eberswalde
2 Aug	27	Artillery	Templin	Eberswalde
13 Aug	29	Infantry	Templin	Neustrelitz
14 Aug	18	Artillery	Eberswalde	Neustrelitz
20 Aug	27	Infantry	Neustrelitz	Eberswalde (4)

7. A decrease in the rate of Soviet troop shipments for the period from the beginning of August until 20 August was reported from Stendal and Mustermark. Flatcars and special railroad cars were sidetracked at both railroad stations in and after the middle of August.

8. [Redacted]

9. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Comments.

- (1) The bridge-building materiel was probably hauled to the engineer equipment depot in Ketschendorf for storage.
- (2) The volume of leave traffic does not substantially differ from that specified [Redacted] in the last report.
- (3) [Redacted] The two trains of 12 August mentioned in the present report probably carried artillery components of the IV Arty Corps [Redacted] which is assigned to an unidentified artillery unit in Brandenburg. Another report from Altengrabow stated that a troop unit with 12 artillery pieces from an undetermined post was unloaded there on 12 August.
- (4) No conclusion can be reached as to the actual load and the actual shipping and receiving stations of the trains. It only indicates that Soviet military traffic is also carried on this railroad line. The trains described as carrying infantry troops may have carried soldiers on furlough.
- (5) A report of early August [Redacted] mentioned rumors that discharges would also be repatriated to the U.S.S.R. via Scheune by rail and via Warnemuende by sea. [Redacted]. However, there have been no indications verifying these rumors.
- (6) No information is available for comparison. Troop movements in connection with maneuvers may have been carried out in the Orfurt and Magdeburg railroad districts in late August and early September.

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