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1. There were no changes in the general order of battle situation of Soviet ground and air forces in the Russian Zone of Germany between 1 and 8 November 1951. Flying activity has been unusually low since 1 November. It appears that no air units participated in army manoeuvres since that date. It appears that no air manoeuvres took place during that period.
2. The departure of the majority of the divisions at troop training grounds at the end of October has been confirmed by the arrival of these units at their home stations.
3. The following is an analysis of the fall manoeuvres which began 20 October:
 - a. The exercises in the Wolmirstedt-Tangerhuette-Burg area involved components of all four divisions and army and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army. Components of the Fourth Artillery Corps may have participated. These exercises were probably completed by 25 October.
 - b. The exercises in the Rathenow-Sterzal-Jerichow area probably involved other components of the Third Shock Army including some units from Letzing Heath. Components of the Fourth Guards Mechanized Army and the Fourth Artillery Corps may have participated. These exercises apparently ended on 30 October.
 - c. The exercises in the Zerbst-Dessau-Muen-Ditterfeld area involved components of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division, the Fourth Artillery Corps and possibly some small elements of the Third Guard's Mechanized Army. Air units may have participated. The completion date of these exercises could not be determined. River crossing exercises appear to have been held in each of the three areas but it could not be determined that these exercises were connected.
4. Three thousand recruits from the USSR arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on leave trains on 2 and 3 November and went toward Saxony.
5. No further air force shipments were observed in connection with the movement of air force units from the Russian Zone to the USSR. Individual aircraft and aircraft crates were seen at the airfields concerned up to 30 October. Indications are that the movements have not been completed.

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6. No new air force units have been observed in the Russian Zone. The airfields which were improved during 1951 have not been occupied by air units.

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