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REMARKS

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1. On 15 December 1951, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. Truck [redacted] occupied by eight soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, was seen in front of the barracks installation.

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2. On 12 December, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Troops observed training included: about 60 drilling with hand arms and 10 practicing with an AT gun on 7 December; about 260 receiving infantry drill and 8 practicing with a 57-mm AT gun on 12 December; about 250 with red-bordered black epaulets at small arms drill and 30 at physical exercise on 14 December; and 120 at drill and 50 at callisthenics on 15 December. [redacted]

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3. All quarters of the Infanterie Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse were lighted in the evening of 15 December. Three NCOs and 2 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen leaving the installation toward Fouquestrasse on 6 December.

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4. On 9 December, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. There was no training activity. Caterpillar tractor [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were in the yard. Truck [redacted] was seen leaving the billeting area.

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5. Between 12 and 23 December, little training activity was conducted by the troops in the barracks installations in Brandenburg. [redacted] the target ranges on Goerden Lake were considerably enlarged by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and operated ten trucks. \* 25X1X

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\* [REDACTED] Comments. It has been assumed that the Infanterie Kaserne had only one building which was habitable and occupied by a headquarters battery or AT artillery battery of the 19th (?) Hvy How Arty Brig. [REDACTED]. However, the 25X1A present report indicates that several barracks buildings of the installation are habitable and occupied by more troops than only one battery. In comparison with the reference report, no changes regarding the occupation of the other installations are discernible.

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