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Fibers for the Exceptional Groups  $G_2$  and  $F_4$ .*

Let  $G$  be the complex connected simply connected simple Lie group of type  $G_2$  or  $F_4$ . Let  $K$  denote the fixed point subgroup relative to an involution of  $G$  that is lifted from a Cartan involution. We give a description of certain components of Springer fibers associated to closed  $K$ -orbits contained in the flag variety of  $G$ . Then we will describe certain multiplicity polynomials associated to discrete series representations of the real form  $G_2^2$  of  $G_2$  and the two real forms  $F_4^4$  and  $F_4^{-20}$  of  $F_4$ . The goals for this paper are motivated by the descriptions of Springer fiber components for type  $SU(p, q)$  described in a paper of Barchini and Zierau. (Received September 25, 2012)