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1. After long hesitation Prague has consented to the formation of a mixed commission on military information, which will sit at Prague and East Berlin. This commission will study the regular and direct exchange of information on espionage and counter-espionage.

2. The proposition presented by General Ulbrich has also been accepted, according to which Czechoslovak officers who will begin their studies in the military academies of Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev on 15 November 1953, will follow a common course of training with East German officers.

3. Training of young Czechoslovak and German conscripts will be directed along identical lines in the two countries, and sometimes together. The formation of camps which will hold both Czech and German trainees is envisioned for the summer of 1954.

4. Other projects for closer cooperation between Czechoslovak and German military men are being studied at Prague under the direction of General Kratochvil.

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