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1. In late April 1953 the Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik (ZAFT), Abteilung Normung und Guetesicherung (Department for Norms and Quality Standards), was ordered to draw up detailed plans for putting into operation an unpublished decision of the Council of Ministers which called for the immediate introduction of a mass series production program (Serienbauprogram) in East Germany. 1/

2. The decision of the Council, as forwarded to ZAFT, mainly concerned the following branches of industry:

a. equipment for rolling mills, including mill trains (Walzstrassen);

b. equipment for mines, particularly transportation and hauling equipment;

c. machine tools, particularly vertical lathes (Karusseldrehbaenke);

d. farm machinery;

e. installations for the production and distribution of power; 25X1

f. combustion motors, particularly small-type Diesel motors;

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g. standardized parts, such as bolts, nuts, and washers.

1/ [redacted] Comment. The Department for Norms and Quality Standards has been removed from ZAFT and is now being established as the Office for Standards (Amt fuer Standardisierung); [redacted]

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