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1. On 30 October 1948 President Kurt Fischer of the German Administration of the Interior (GAI) informed his department heads and vice presidents that all private clubs and associations (Vereine) of the Soviet Zone would be taken over by the "mass organizations" (FDGB, FDJ, VdgB, Kulturbund, etc.). The "Goethe-Bund", and other literary clubs, for example, are to be taken over by the Kulturbund. The move, Fischer stated, was the result of a secret decision of the Central Secretariat of the SED.

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2. According to Fischer, the Central Secretariat decision included an order to the GAI to issue a suitable regulation forbidding private clubs and cultural groups and prescribing mass organization control. The order from the Central Secretariat was signed by Anton Ackermann. Lust, head of Department V/P (Administrative Police) of the GAI, was charged with the preparation of the draft for the GAI regulation.

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