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1. The new Russian envoy in Berlin, Pushkin, paid a three-hour call on Dr. Lothar Bolz in early November in the latter's office in NDP headquarters in Berlin-Treptow. Also present were Vincenz Müller, Heinrich Homann, and Count Thun, chief of protocol of the DDR.*

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2. Pushkin requested information on the extent of participation by former officers and Nazis in public life. He pointed out that the NDP is considered responsible for these groups and that the USSR considers them important. Pushkin stated that Russia is aware of Germany's military tradition and does not consider it necessarily an evil. On the contrary, the USSR wishes to strengthen German nationalism once Germany has pledged itself to the East.

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3. Pushkin appeared well informed about the police. He said that at present it is still necessary to insure the complete reliability of the top officers in the police by using only SED members. The police is, however, not an ordinary civil police force, but a militia and as such requires the wealth of experience and skill of German experts. This field offers great opportunities for ex-officers of the Wehrmacht according to Pushkin. The NDP is to consider itself the political rallying point for the military experts.

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25X1 Comment: Thun speaks Russian, Polish and Czech fluently. He was a member of the NKFD and of Müller's staff.

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