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1. Work at the new iron and steel plant, Hüttenkombinat-Ost at Fürstenberg/Oder, is practially at a standstill. Although it is planned to have the first blast furnace ready for use by 1 May 1951, it is most unlikely that this can be accomplished. Thus far, work has not progressed beyond the ground surveying for plant foundations and some initial excavations. There has been no final decision concerning the number of blast furnaces and open-hearth furnaces the new plant will have. The general plan envisages an annual raw steel production capacity of 300,000 tons from six 100-ton open-hearth furnaces. The plant location was selected for its accessibility to iron ore from Russia and coke from Poland.

2. The Krupp-Gruson SAG at Magdeburg does not build tanks, as has occasionally been reported. The plant is capable of undertaking their manufacture but has thus far made only certain replacement parts and repairs.

3. One of the most serious bottlenecks facing the steel industry of the DDR is the shortage of heavy rollers. At present, these cannot be made in adequate numbers to supply the rolling mills. However, it is expected that within one year, this problem will be overcome if imports of machines from Western Germany are not entirely stopped. The firm of F.A. Dieckmann has delivered to DDR customers not only rollers but turning lathes and grinding machines for the construction of rollers, despite the embargo on such shipments.

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[redacted] The firm of A.K. Dieckmann, Oldenburg, was reported supplying welding electrodes to VVB Tessa [redacted]

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