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1. The German Administration of the Interior has initiated a one year training course for police officer* candidates drawn from the personnel of the Soviet Zone police. The whole matter is being handled in a very secretive manner and no correspondence or directives have as yet appeared.
2. The Berlin police had originally been requested to select sixty candidates. After a prolonged search the Abteilung Bereitschaften (paramilitary police section) of the Polizei-präsidium recommended twelve men as answering the requirements set up for admission to the training course. The uniformed constabulary (Schutzpolizei) had to forego this opportunity, nobody suitable having been found.
3. The candidates were sent to the Personnel Section of the Polizeipräsidium for further screening, whence, if approved as officer material, they will be passed on to Hauptabteilung Grenzpolizei und Bereitschaften of the GAI with whom the final responsibility for the selection of officer candidates rests.
4. Three categories for officer candidates have been set up:
 - a. Young recruits, regardless of prior military or police experience, provided their intelligence quotient is sufficiently high.
 - b. Older personnel, drawn from the existing police establishments, irrespective of rank.
 - c. Unknown. This category was not divulged, inasmuch as it would not have been applicable to the Berlin police.

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[] Comment: Until recently the Abteilung Bereitschaften of the Polizeipräsidium Berlin, in an obvious endeavor to maintain the fictitious police character of the Bereitschaften,

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officially referred to its officers as "leitende Polizeiangeestellte" (ranking police employees). This term was not always understood by GAI personnel who use, inter se, the word "officer". This latter term has now also been officially adopted by the Berlin police.

[REDACTED] **Comment:** The setting up of officer training facilities within the GAI should be considered a logical and highly significant development in the direction of complete militarization of the paramilitary police units.

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