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CAUTION

Soviet Defense Construction
Staff

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1. The Soviet Defense Construction Staff (Sowjetischer Verteidigungsbaustab), Oubrichtstr., Leipzig-Gohlis, whose field post office number is 47 757, employs about 200 Soviet soldiers and about 300 German civilians. The organization, until a few months ago, went by the name of "Soviet Construction Staff". The word "defense" was added at the request of the FROB. The hiring, release and rates of pay of these employees is decided by the Soviets although decisions are made in the closest cooperation with the official apparatus (Funktionarsapparat) of the FROB. The Chief of this office is Lt. Lt. Irm HACKOW. Available to him as assistants are other Soviet officers all of whom are specialists, such as engineers, technicians, etc. HACKOW's deputy is a Moscow trained Jew whose name is not known yet. He is, as it were, the director of the civilian workers. The chief of the plant police and the plant fire brigade, the most important functionsaries, are former KZ inmates who work closely with the NKVD. Some of these KZ inmates are said to have been common criminals.

2. The bookkeeping in the Materialverwaltung is done in Russian according to the Soviet pattern. The movement of materials is supervised by the NKVD's commandant in the FROB, chairman Irm FIZL, but FIZL himself is not permitted to enter any of the installations to which materials are being delivered. Sometimes the transport convoys are met at the entrance to the field by a Soviet officer and after unloading FIZL reassumes charge of the convoy. Machines for road building-concrete mixers, motors for all kinds of vehicles and parts of tanks are repaired at the Leipzig works.

3. The Bombshelling (of the Materialverwaltung?) plans over lines to the military installations and plans the concrete bunkers. All installations along the western saxon border are established.

4. At the moment the old addresses near Berrberg and another that is said to be further to the south are in order. Judging by the allotments of material to these drums, large bunker installations are under construction there.

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5. ID, KUCM liaison is hereby requested to obtain an evaluation of the above information which was provided by a source tentatively considered for recruitment (CAUTION-8).

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