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1. After the collapse of Germany in 1945, the Radio-Mende firm in Dresden was changed into VEB Funkwerk Dresden. The former owner of Radio-Mende was arrested and put in the Muehlberg Concentration Camp. The plant went into trusteeship and was placed under the management of a former department head, Fritz Aurich. Aurich was an old-line convinced Communist. In 1948 Radio-Mende became an RFT plant. The plant was dismantled by the Russians, but was later set up for the production of radio and measuring devices, to be sent to the USSR as reparations. Today the plant is a large factory which has the largest developmental and experimental office in East Germany. About 1,000 workers are employed there.
2. The director of the laboratory and the technical director of the plant is Werner Kutascha, a so-called "Verdienter Techniker des Volkes". The laboratory staff numbers about 80 people, who are under the Ministry for Machine Construction, Main Department of Electrical Engineering. Recently developmental orders have come mainly from the Ministry of the Interior, Bureau for Economic Affairs (BfW) Berlin, Glinkastrasse 2. The Bureau functions as a police weapons office and controls the developmental office. One of the employees of this office is (fnu) Weihrauch, who maintains close connections with the SSD.
3. The following are some of the articles developed by the office:
 - a) Radar instruments - this department consists of engineer (fnu) Winkler, Expl. Ing. (fnu) Kaule and 10 other co-workers. The development of these instruments is to be concluded by about 1954. In December 1952 work was in the initial stages. Tubes of type LD 11 and LD 12 were urgently needed.
 - b) Impulse technology - Winkler also works in this field. Among recent developments are an impulse sender for radar purposes, an impulse oscillograph with a width measurer. (Breitenmesser).
 - c) Very high frequency radio equipment - Dipl. Ing. (fnu) Berthold and a few helpers work in this field. They are producing portable transmitters which can be installed in aircraft, police vehicles, tanks, etc. The capacity of the transmitters is 10 W and 100 W. Portable stations with a capacity of about 0.1 W and a range of 0.5 to 10 kilometers were also being developed.

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d) Short wave devices - Engineer (fnu) Morawa, along with a few helpers, works in this field. Portable short wave and very high frequency direction finders from 4 to 180 MHz and stationery DF devices from 20 to 400 MHz are being produced. These devices were placed at the disposal of the post and the police. In 1952 60 devices were to be delivered to the main postal directorates, and in 1953 200 instruments are to be constructed for the police. The device is used to locate illegal transmitters.

4. In 1953 further important development projects are planned. The Basro fuer Wirtschaftsfragen (BfW) Berlin, Glinkastrasse 2, is making available 2,000,000 DME for these projects.
5. Relations between the plant directorate and personnel are not good. Attendance at plant assemblies is very poor. The laboratory is the worst spot in the plant; no one in this department belongs to the SED or the DSF.² No attempt is made to politically indoctrinate the department, however, for it is feared that any attempt to do so would cause the technicians to defect.
6. The plant guard consists of ten men and one large police dog.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Distinguished Technician of the People - an honorary title awarded for meritorious service.

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