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REMARKS

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Location

Drewitz  
Johannisthal  
Kamenz  
Bautzen  
Cottbus  
Kamenz  
Augustusbad  
Kamenz  
Bautzen

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No details could be obtained on the various projects at the same locations.<sup>1</sup> After 1 July 1953, the VPL construction projects were placed under the supervision of the Ingenieur-Technische Abteilung Luft (technical department) with Lieutenant Colonel Weikert as chief. <sup>2</sup> Possibly, there were other unofficial designations for the same department.

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[redacted] the officers of the VPL construction staff frequently came to Werder to ask advice and help from the Soviet officers. [redacted] the VPL construction staff was not subordinate to the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder. He further stated that the VPL construction staff, because of its amateurish work, was of low esteem among the Soviet officers. 3

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Comment. [redacted] the same construction or-  
jects some of them, however, with other numerical designations. See

2.

Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Weikert is known as chief of the VPL construction department. The Ingenieur-Technische Abteilung (technical department) ~~was repeatedly referred to as~~ VPL construction headquarters.

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Comment. This office also believes that the VPL technical department, which is also referred to as VPL construction headquarters, is not subordinate to the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder. The technical department, moreover, is subordinate to the Hauptabteilung Ruckwaertige Dienste (Main Department Rear Services) at the VPL headquarters, while the Soviet construction staff in Werder is believed to be subordinate to the Rear Services Department of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. If the two headquarters have similar missions, it is possible that they maintain close liaison.

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