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The following is a report on the situation at VEB IFA Phaenomen motor vehicle works, Zittau, at the end of August 1954.

1. Personnel:

The personnel numbers about 2,000 workers.

2. Shifts:

The plant works three shifts. No work is carried out on Sundays.

3. Type of Product:

(a) The products are 1-ton and 1½-ton vehicles with Diesel and gasoline engines, of the following types:

Bus  
 Box vans. (Lastkraftwagen (LKW)-Kasten)  
 Jeeps. (Militarkuebelwagen)

(b) The engines are supplied by the VEB Dieselmotorenwerk Kamenz and stampings for the hood and the driver's cabin come from the Phaenomen plant at Seifenhennersdorf. These are assembled at the Phaenomen works along with the chassis. The bodies are produced and fitted to the chassis by a plant at Bautzen, at which site the chassis arrive by rail.

(c) The vehicles are fitted with engines of the following types:

- (1) 60 HP Granit Diesel engine.
- (2) 55 HP Otto gasoline engine.

(d) The attached Sketch No. 2 is a diagram of the chassis of a box van. Chassis intended for buses and jeeps have no driver's cabins and the jeep chassis is shorter

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than the others. The drive is rear wheel. Tires are 600 x 25. There are double wheels on the rear axles. The fuel tank under the driver's seat. All jeeps are fitted with gasoline engines.

(e) The vehicles possess good tractive power and are good hill climbers.

4. Quantity Output:

The plant is fully occupied and the three shifts normally produce a total of about 30 vehicles per day. When there is a shortage of materials, production drops to about 7 vehicles per shift or about 20 vehicles in all.

5. Layout of the Plant:

The attached Sketch No. 1 shows the layout of the works. The sketch is self-explanatory.

6. Miscellaneous:

(a) At the time of observation about 70 to 100 completed vehicles were parked in the plant's yard and neighboring roads.

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(b) Some of the jeeps are produced for the Vofo and others for export to Western countries.

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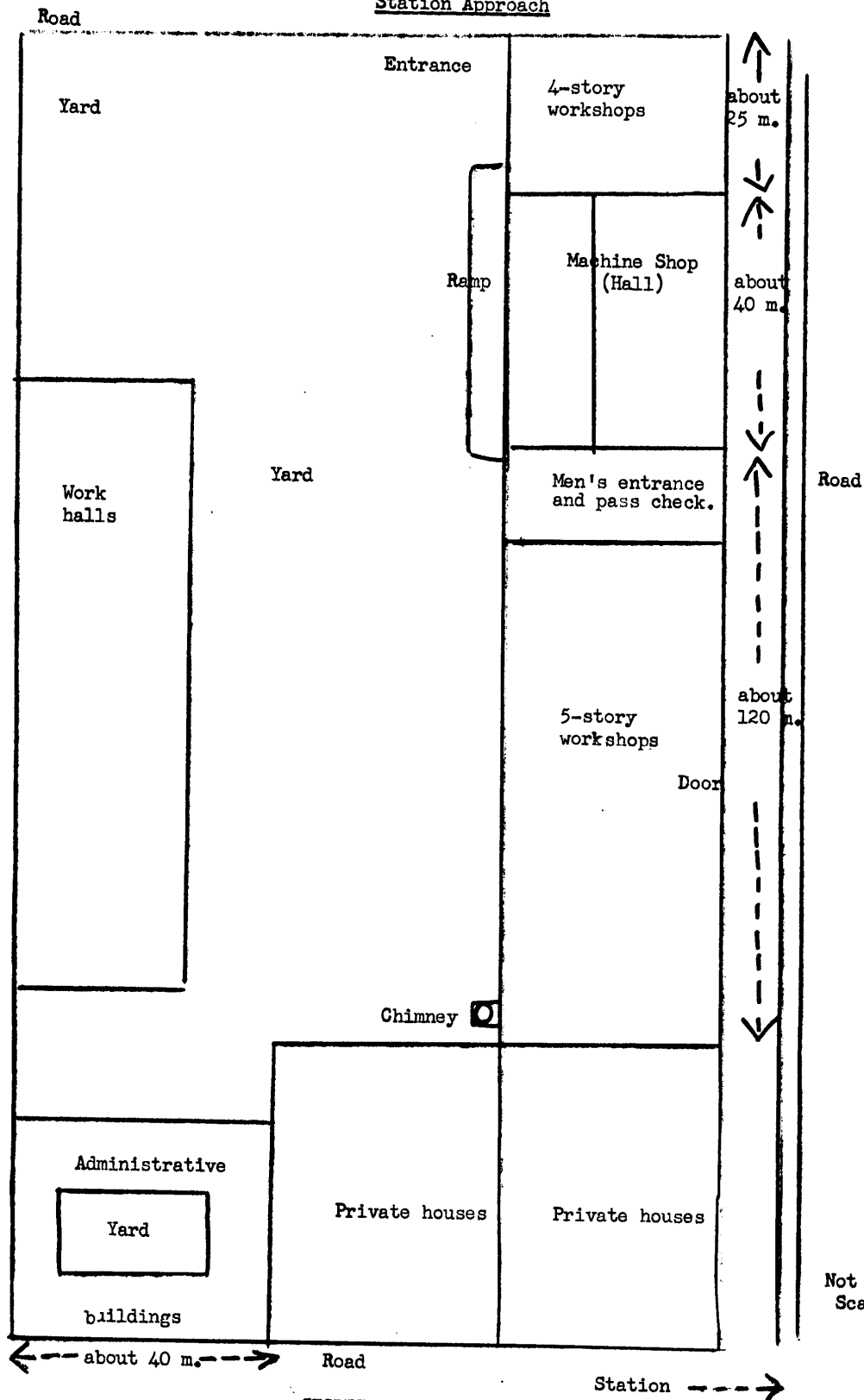
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LAYOUT OF VEB IFA PHAENOMEN WORKS, ZITTAU  
Station Approach

Sketch No. 1



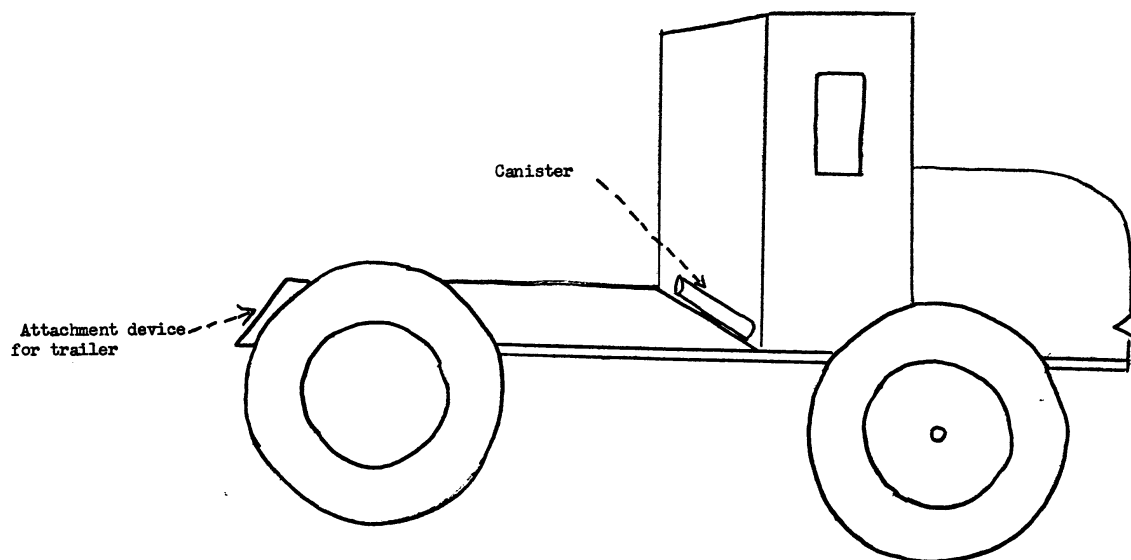
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Diagram of a Chassis

Sketch No. 2



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