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1. The Moscow Conference of 29 November - 2 December 1954 is unimportant compared to an unpublicized security conference which has reportedly been meeting in Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad), Czechoslovakia, beginning in early December 1954. According to several reports, military, economic and finance experts of several Satellites are discussing particular points on increasing the general level of armaments, including an East German Army. The East German manpower problem is also being discussed in connection with strengthening the KVP. The East German delegation includes former General Vincenz Mueller and Lieutenant General (Generalleutnant) Heinz Hoffmann, also allegedly former Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus.
2. Possibly related to the Karlovy Vary conference is information that a meeting of the Council of Economic Mutual Aid (CEMA) which has been planned for February 1955 in Prague may be scheduled earlier.

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