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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Zeesen Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.</u>	
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1. The following numbers of motor vehicles arrived at and left the Zeesen motor vehicle repair shop in October and November 1954:

a. Incoming:

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Trucks	131	146
Tank trucks	68	48
Jeeps	32	38

On most of the tank trucks, only a protective grating for the valve had to be installed.

b. Outgoing:

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Trucks	122	148
Tank trucks	43	52
Repair shop trucks	16	6
Jeeps	38	42

2. The following production quota was fixed for November:  
 109 trucks, including 36 ZIS, 27 Chevrolets and 46 Fords  
 60 jeeps  
 32 tank truck containers; tank truck chassis were included in the number of trucks  
 200 door locks  
 1,500 sets of battery supports.

This quota was only fulfilled by 4 December because of a shortage of material.

The following production quota was fixed for December:

- 110 trucks
- 40 jeeps
- 40 tank trucks
- 40 tote boxes.

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3. Material allotments for 1954 have already been used up. Material required until the end of the year has therefore to be salvaged from waste material which delays repair work and makes it more expensive. The sorta shortage is greatest in sheet metal of all kinds and joint rubber. Card board used as substitute for joint rubber proved unsuitable since it becomes soaked after a short period.

4. The work force now exceeds 650 persons. Newly employed personnel mainly consists of young men who escape being recruited into the KVP while they are employed in a Soviet enterprise.

5. On 1 December, 40 more young Soviet students allegedly from Moscow and led by a German-speaking officer, arrived at the plant. All of them wore uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets some of them with ~~captain~~ insignia. As was t



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6. A commission of 6 officers led by a general who  came from Moscow, inspected the Zeesen plant after they had inspected the plant in Oberschoenewide. The interest of the officers was mainly concentrated on the already surveyed area outside the plant. Rumors on the transfer of the Oberschoenewide plant to Zeesen were stronger after the inspection.

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b. Captain Ushko (fnu), chief of the axle and gear construction section will return to the USSR in the near future after a five-year stay in Germany.




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c. Fritsche (fnu), highest SED functionary at the Progress plant was arrested.

8. In November, an additional 50 workers were to be employed at the plant.

9. A commission led by a general inspected the plant recently. It was believed that the same commission had inspected the Progress plant.

10. The Soviet work detail was relieved recently and about 50 new workers were employed in their places.

11. On 16 November, 25 BMW and 20 Mercedes sedans were seen in the Zeesen plant. The vehicles were newly overhauled  A number of empty railroad cars were seen at the same time. It was believed that these sedans which were overhauled at another place were to be loaded at Zeesen.

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12. On 30 November, the following numbers of motor vehicles in need of repair were present at the plant:

800 Studebakers, 400 ZIS, Chevrolets and Fords, 200 jeeps, 300 tank trucks, 100 of which were parked in the plant area since the new parking lot was occupied.

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