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1. [redacted] HV Pirna (Main Administration), referred to Construction on 11 October 1954. These funds were required by HV 18 for special projects and had been requested through the ZK (central committee) of the SED. 25X1
2. An employee of the designing office located at Sonnenstein Castle in Pirna stated that the workforce of the office amounted to 40 engineers in August 1954. By 7 October 1954, the workforce had increased to 100 persons. It was noticed that most of the new employees were very young and had not been in the USSR as had the older ones.
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- a. Dipl Ing B. G. Beade, chief of the development station in Pirna was lecturing on "Modern Aircraft Design" as a guest lecturer at the Dresden Institute of Technology. The activities of the newly hired experts at Pirna previously scheduled to start on 1 October 1954 were postponed until 15 November. Pirna lacks working level personnel, such as designers, draftsmen and accountants. The vacancies of main department and department chiefs could be filled with returnees from the USSR. These returnees were not very ambitious and did not work much. They came to their offices only for short periods of time. It was difficult to hire former aviation and aircraft construction experts and the activities were behind schedule. Pirna was to become a development institute, possibly with an experimental workshop. It could not yet be foreseen whether the construction of models would be possible or not. No information was obtained which might indicate that there was a requirement of skilled labor at Pirna.
- b. Some preparations for aircraft production were being made at the Nagema Firm in Schkeuditz. It was said that Wendt (fnu), a former Lufthansa official was to be in charge of the project. It was [redacted] tion of power units was to be started in Hall [redacted].
- c. The production of gliders was to be transferred from Gotha to an undetermined place. No information was obtained on any projects in Dessau and hemmits.
4. Friedr Toppe who, prior to the riots on 17 June 1953, had had a key position in the aircraft construction, was transferred to the Rostock Neptun Shipyard in June 1954.

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