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2. In early January, the Berlin Billeting Department was located at 3 Bad Strasse in Strausberg. In conformity with the construction projects planned for 1955, the KI Group of this department was broken down into four sections: Section I for Installations Ia and Ib in Strausberg, Section II for apartment houses on Wriezener Strasse and Seeblick, and Installation III (Ledigenheim), Section III for Strausberg Eggersdorf, and Section IV for projects in Berlin, Finow, Hohensaaten, etc.
3. On 1 January 1955, two KI groups were newly established. They included the KI group for the Aero-Club in Cottbus, and the KI group for the VP-See in Stralsund. ¹
4. In September 1954, it appeared that, effective 1 October 1954, the personnel of the Berlin Projecting (PB) Office was to be cut 50 percent. On 1 October, the new structure of the PB was discussed at a meeting which was held at Lieutenant Colonel Koehler's (fnu) office. In response to a request, a list of top officers of the PB which also indicated their ranks was forwarded to Lieutenant General Hoffmann on 7 September. Officers mentioned therein included Lieutenant Colonel Werner Krause, head of the PB; Major Ernst Berger, technical head; Major Neumann (fnu), chief architect; Major Erich Niening, chief engineer; Major Walter Wieland, head of the cadre department; and Major Schuch (fnu), head of the finance department. ²
5. On 1 October 1954, Werner Krause, head of the PB, was given leave for study at a university. Walter Wieland was appointed his temporary successor. ~~Lieutenant Colonel Max Koehler~~ was in charge of the PB office. On 1 October, ~~Major Berger, the technical head, was removed in connection with a bribery affair.~~ ³

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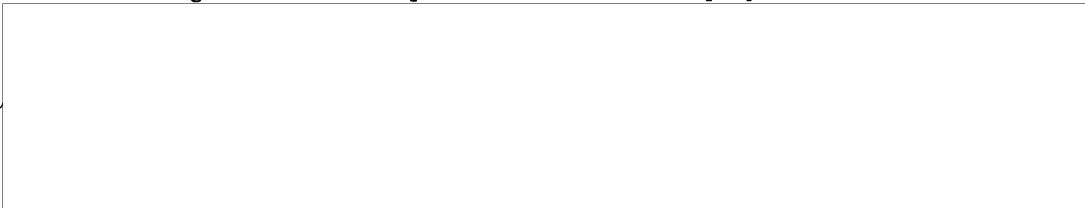


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6. On 1 October, the official designation of the office was "Projektierungsbuero der KVP, Berlin". 2

7. Since November 1954, the MdI placed no more projects orders with the PB as project-planning policies for the KVP were scheduled to be subjected to basic changes. It was also planned to cancel some projects due to

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8. In late January 1955, it was determined that the MdI/KVP intended shortly to establish a projects office of its own whose personnel was scheduled to include only uniformed members. Reliable architects and construction engineers who were dismissed from projects offices in Berlin in connection with the general dismissal action affecting this category received from their employer's office a letter of recommendation which was addressed to the 2d Section of the Construction Department at the MdI/KVP. 2 and 3

9. In mid-January 1955, it was learned that, upon the establishing of a finance department within the MdI, the projects would be financed after technical and objective examination and approval by the KI groups. 5

1. [Redacted] Comment. These plans are possibly connected with preparatory measures for the separation of a special Ministry of Defense from the present Ministry of the Interior. Under the provisions of such planning, a separate central KI group is possibly envisaged for each of the three services.

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2. [Redacted] Comment. It is considered possible that analogous plans are also set up for the projects offices. The Berlin projects office is possibly to be used as the VP-Land office. The new projecting office which is going to be established is possibly the superior headquarters for the three services in an eventual defense ministry. The VP-See and Aero-Club high commands already include their own projects offices which are presumably subordinated in a technical respect to Major [Redacted] [Redacted], chief of the construction and billeting department, who has [Redacted] recently been reported as "Deputy Minister of Construction" and is [Redacted] to be in charge of armed-forces-level missions in this capacity.

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3. [Redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Koehler (fnu) is deputy of Colonel Johannes Rochlitzer [Redacted], chief of the Billeting Department, and simultaneously the head of the 2d Projects Section and [Redacted] 3d Control and Inspection (KI) Section of this department.

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4. [Redacted] Comment. The inspection of the building sites in Strausberg has been mentioned in a previous report. [Redacted]

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5. [Redacted] Comment. It is still undetermined which office this finance department really is. It [Redacted] by Colonel Rei [Redacted] of the MdI who [Redacted] by a previous [Redacted] allocated, on [Redacted] department by Major General Menzel, chief of this General Department.

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